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# MP'S NOISE DEAL IS NO JOY FOR US'

ANY compensation for falling house prices will not combat the noise and pollution from an expanded Lydd Airport, say campaigners ahead of tonight's crunch meeting.

Those opposed to the applications for an extended runway and new passenger terminal say thousands would be affected but only a few would benefit under the scheme.

The response by anti-expansion group LAAG comes after it was

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

revealed that Shepway MP Michael Howard had negotiated the deal, which offers secondary and/or double glazing to properties in surrounding villages.

Mr Howard said: "Following the change of management in autumn, last year, I have sensed both fresh impetus in the Lydd Airport project as well as a more responsible and committed attitude.

"As a result I have been able to reopen discussions on a scheme to offer protection, outside of any statutory

obligations, to people who fear for the value of their properties as a result of the airport development.

"While this scheme hasn't got the blanket protection of the Three Villages Scheme I was able to negotiate for the Channel Tunnel development, I recognise that these are two quite different projects."

He said the so-called Five Communities Scheme will become part of the planning obligations of the airport: "I would urge members to consider the economic upsides in terms of employment and regeneration at a time the Marsh could really

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Picture: IOR KUPCO

## CHEERS, SKIPPER

England rugby legend Lawrence Dallaglio enjoys a well-earned pint of Guinness after arriving through the Channel Tunnel on his Six Nations cycling tour.

The former captain, who made 85 appearances for his country, stopped at Folkestone Rugby Club on Thursday on route to completing an epic 3,000km journey from Rome to Edinburgh.

His peloton of about 60 cyclists included ex-Arsenal and England footballer Lee Dixon. They received a donation from club chairman Andy Dagger before spending the night in Maidstone and arriving at Twickenham on Friday, to be met by Prince Harry, in time for Saturday's England v Ireland clash. The tour hopes to raise £1 million for Sports Relief and the Dallaglio Foundation. To donate, text SLAM to 70005 or visit [www.dallagliocycleslam.com](http://www.dallagliocycleslam.com).

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# Water bills up 'to help boost our efficiency'

AVERAGE water bills in the district are on the rise after the Government regulator approved a 1.5 per cent increase to pay for new investment.

Veolia Water Southeast, formerly known as Folkestone and Dover Water Services, said average metered bills will be £170.70 for 2010-11, while unmetered customers will pay £227.62.

Veolia's managing director Nevil Muncaster said the charges were agreed as part of a five-year plan up to 2015 and the rises will take effect from the beginning of next month.

He said: "More than 75 per cent of customers are already on meters and the number of customers metered will rise through the year as the company progresses a compulsory installation programme.

"We are continuing to increase company efficiency to ensure that we hold down costs and offer the best possible value for money.

"As a result, high-quality drinking water from the tap costs just over 1p for 10 litres. At the same time we have to continue to make significant investments in our sources and treatment and distribution systems to ensure security of supply.

"The price rise will help fund this extensive investment programme."

Mr Muncaster said the company was currently completing a £33 million investment programme which included developing new sources, upgrading treatment plants and building new mains pipes.

A further £34.3m investment is planned for the next five years.

He said: "We appreciate that these are still difficult times for customers and we will be continuing to support anyone who has genuine difficulties with payments.



CHALLENGE: Veolia MD Nevil Muncaster

"We will also take action against those who can pay but refuse to pay, as this minority puts an unfair burden on the majority."

Regina Finn, chief executive of regulator Ofwat, which makes the final decision on increases, said: "Customers in the South East told us that their priority is safe, reliable water supplies at a reasonable cost. We've challenged Veolia Southeast to deliver that.

"The area served by Veolia Southeast is the first in the country to be identified as an area of water scarcity.

"Investment will see leakage, bursts and interruptions to supply all reduced and will make sure customers continue to receive a safe, reliable supply of water.

"We now need to make sure companies deliver on their promises. If they don't, we will take action."

Veolia said it expected about 90 per cent of properties in the Folkestone and Dover area to be metered by 2012. A phased programme of compulsory metering was introduced in January 2007.

## Time to compete for Miss Folkestone title

THIS YEAR'S Miss Folkestone competition at the Hotel Burstin will see the crown pass on from current holder Leah Gorman.

Leah represented the town in the Miss European finals and won the Miss Congeniality award, as well as coming second in the Miss UK Carnival competition at Disneyland Paris in January.

Miss Folkestone's prize will be the chance to represent Folkestone at Disneyland Paris in November.

The selection starts at 6.30pm on Sunday and entry costs £3 per person. For more information call Folkestone Carnival on 01303 891336, 07549136591 or email folkestonecarnival@hotmail.co.uk.

## Teenagers arrested after fence damage

FOUR teenage boys have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage after a fence was vandalised in a front garden in Folkestone.

The fence belongs to a property in Hollands Avenue, and the boys are aged between 14 and 16.

Three of the boys have been issued with formal reprimands, which will stay on police records. The fourth boy is on bail pending enquiries.

Sgt Neil Minter, of Shepway Neighbourhood Task Team, said: "We take all calls about anti-social behaviour seriously.

"Damaging a fence might seem like a low-level crime, but it causes a great deal of nuisance and will not be tolerated."

## Oil painting raffle raises charity cash

AN OIL painting has been raffled to raise money for Children In Need at a picture gallery in Folkestone.

Town mayor Janet Andrews presented the prize, Kent Farmyard (Meopham) Scene with Horses in Winter, at Hometown in Church Street and congratulated winner Joseph Jones, of The Bayle.

The picture, by Dirk de Vries, of the Folkestone Art Society, is valued at £1,000.

Hometown, a furniture and fine art dealers, say they will hold another raffle in the spring. Art on offer includes works by Thomas Gainsborough, Alfred Sisley, Tamara de Lempicka and Lionel Smythe.

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# Three arrests in graffiti clean-up

A STRING of arrests have been made after a renewed drive to clean up the district's appearance by the council and police.

Three local men were detained on suspicion of causing criminal damage following an investigation into so-called graffiti taggers, who leave their trademark 'tag' when they deface walls, pavements and other public property.

One of the men, aged 30, has been charged with other offences and remanded in custody pending trial.

The file on an 18-year-old who admitted 18 graffiti offences has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service and a 19-year-old also admitted a number of offences and is helping police with their enquiries.

The arrests come as a poster and flyer campaign was launched by the

Shepway Community Safety Unit, which is made up of the council, police and other agencies, to encourage people to report such crimes.

The posters state: "Graffiti makes Shepway look ugly. If you know who is doing it, report it" and urges people to text, call or e-mail the CSU.

Hugh Barker, Shepway council's cabinet member for community safety, said: "Graffiti is not art, it is criminal damage and people expect us to do something about it.

"Removing it is one solution but it would be better if we could stop it happening - which is why the campaign is trying to persuade people to report the taggers."

In a separate development, a man has been fined after being found guilty of dumping cardboard boxes in Sandgate High Street in February

and March last year. The Sheerness man appeared at Folkestone Magistrates Court last month and was fined £100 for each offence, £150 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Last month a man from Essex was charged with fly-tipping tyres across Romney Marsh and has been summoned for five offences under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Yourshepway has launched a campaign to urge readers to help catch fly-tippers who illegally dump rubbish and spoil the countryside.

If you see anyone dumping rubbish or spraying graffiti, call the council on 01303 858660 or contact us here at Yourshepway. Alternatively text the CSU on 07812 989361 or e-mail csu@shepway.gov.uk.



# Sports stars join bike challenge for charity

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

ENGLAND rugby titan Lawrence Dallaglio and Arsenal and international footballer Lee Dixon pedalled into Folkestone last week on a Six Nations charity tour.

They were at the head of about 60 cyclists who are travelling almost 3,000km from Rome to Edinburgh to raise £1 million for Sports Relief and the Dallaglio Foundation.

The group stopped over at Folkestone Rugby Club's New Burlington Road ground on Thursday afternoon for a break after heading through the Channel Tunnel.

Former flanker Dallaglio, who has been capped 85 times for his country, admitted he was delighted to be back on British soil.

He said: "It's been an epic journey – we've had every conceivable weather thrown at us, but the enthusiasm and the energy of the group is fantastic."

"I'm not really built for cycling so it's been tough, especially the hills. We've been doing up to 200km a day, but it's also been very rewarding."

Ex-Arsenal defender Dixon, who made 22 appearances for England and is now a Match of the Day pundit, said: "It's been quite tough this morning because we had a bit of a wind and a few hills just before the tunnel,



Picture: IGOR KAPRO

**ENTHUSIASM:** The cyclists are now back in England having pedalled from Rome

which they didn't tell us about. The morale's good and everyone's buzzing. I'd never done any cycling before. I thought that it would be alright, but as I looked into it I realised how difficult it was going to be.

"Pre-season training in football is hard, but you know what's coming because you've done it for 15-20 years but with cycling everything's new."

"It has been a shock to the system but one that we've enjoyed and for a great cause. Lawrence is an inspiration because he gets up every morning with a spring in his step."

"His energy levels are unbelievable. I think footballers are a bit soft, to be

honest, we're always tired."

The group received a cheque from club chairman Andy Dagger and spent Thursday evening in Maidstone. They then cycled on to Twickenham to be met by Prince Harry, in time for England's Six Nations clash against Ireland.

The proceeds will be split between Sports Relief and the Dallaglio Foundation, whose beneficiaries include Cancer Research, DebRA, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, Help for Heroes and the RPA Benevolent Fund.

To donate, text SLAM to 70005 or visit [www.dallagliocycleslam.com](http://www.dallagliocycleslam.com).

## POLICE CHIEF GETS AUSTRALIAN VIEW

Chief Superintendent Chris Hogben has swapped Folkestone for a three-month exchange in Australia to share each force's best practices.

The area commander of South Kent Police, which covers Shepway, is working in Brisbane. He told the Southern Times Messenger he was a "huge fan" of Australians' attitude to sport.

His son, a keen cricketer, is with him. He will be joined by wife Karen and their daughter this month. His family have paid their own expenses. Supt Hogben told the paper: "There are obvious benefits for both organisations in terms of the cross-pollination of ideas and looking at best practice in the other force."

"It's a good opportunity for me in terms of personal development, looking at different types of policing and looking at how South Australia Police and South Coast manage policing issues."

A Kent Police spokesman said deputy area commander Supt Mark Nottage was acting head and that police activities continued as normal.

## School pays tribute to popular teacher

TRIBUTES have been paid to a senior teacher of more than 30 years' standing who died last week after a long illness.

Peter Catmull, 63, was assistant principal and drama teacher at Brockhill Park performing arts college in Saltwood.

The college's senior vice-principal, Charles Joseph, said: "It is testament to Peter's courage and bravery that he continued to work throughout his illness and was teaching until the last week before the February holiday."

"He remained totally focused on the success of his year 13 students, who were presenting their drama A-level practical examination."

"As ever, with Peter's guidance they performed splendidly."

Mr Joseph said Brockhill was working as normally as it could through a difficult time and was reflecting on how best to celebrate Mr Catmull's contribution.

He said: "Loved by so many at Brockhill and in



**GUIDANCE:** Assistant principal Peter Catmull died last week

the wider community, Peter remained a very private man and our thoughts are now with Peter's immediate family and closest friends.

"He was a hugely inspirational man and he was loved by all the students. Those who had left the school used to return from university to see him."

Mr Joseph said there were plans for a permanent memorial to Mr Catmull in recognition of his contribution to the college.

## MP's airport noise deal 'not enough'

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benefit from it. At the same time, Lydd airport must provide convincing evidence that the remaining ecological and environmental objections have been dealt with."

Louise Barton, of LAAG, said: "Michael Howard's proposed compensation package for falling house prices will never fully compensate owners for the degradation of their quality of life as a result of increased air and noise pollution."

"This compensation is only likely to be available to residents close to the end of the runway, whereas the airport will affect thousands within and beyond Shepway."

"House price compensation doesn't prevent the loss or degradation of bird, animal and plant life habitat across the Marsh."

Separately, Lydd's managing director Jonathan Gordon said he had serious doubts about some of the key advice given in the officers' report provided by a consultant.

Mr Gordon said: "Shepway council commissioned an assessment report from Bureau Veritas, which has reached the conclusion in respect of one European designated site, a Special Protection Area (SPA) outside the airport boundary, that bird populations would not be able to live alongside noise from aircraft and bird control."

"This is simply a manifestly unreasonable conclusion and is not supported by reference to extensive experience at any other airport."

A Shepway official said: "We do not want to get into a public debate about the applications until the council meeting, which is the right and proper place for such deliberations."

The meeting at Civic Centre tonight will be broadcast live on the council's website – [www.shepway.gov.uk](http://www.shepway.gov.uk) – and shown at the Marsh Academy in New Romney from 7pm. For the result and reaction, log on to [www.yourshepway.co.uk](http://www.yourshepway.co.uk).




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# Cash set to boost green tourism on the Marsh

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

ROMNEY Marsh has been given a share of 400,000 euros to help promote green tourism and boost jobs and the local economy.

The scheme, designed by the Boulogne Shepway Cooperation Organisation (BOSCO) and other bodies, has been awarded the grant by the European Regional Development Fund.

Plans to make the Marsh better known include using cross-border media promotions, events and workshops for tourism staff, green-tourism fairs and activities to encourage school and holiday visits.

Reculver, near Herne Bay, and the Arena educational centre in Boulogne will also receive some of the cash.

Tourism, environmental and education representatives from both sides of the Channel attended a three-day event at venues across the Marsh earlier this month.

BOSCO manager Lynn Dockar said that during their stay the 26 visitors travelled on a specially-commissioned train on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, went to Dungeness nature reserve, toured ancient churches and attended seminars, workshops and presentations by experts.

Ms Dockar said: "Everybody who took part was confident that the scheme would create



**BOOSTING AWARENESS:** Representatives from tourism, educational and environmental groups visit Romney Marsh

greater awareness of the unique natural and cultural attractions of the Marsh and thereby contribute to its economic prosperity and environmental well-being.

"Similar events are to be held at Arena in March and Reculver in May."

Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate Lynne Beaumont said: "Many people have mixed feelings about being part of Europe, but

here is a great example as to how this can benefit our area.

"In the minds of most people in Romney Marsh are jobs, the economy and questions on where is the money coming from. This cash injection will help invigorate the Marsh.

"It will encourage people to visit, spend their money in local shops, local restaurants and stay in local hotels and B&B accommodation."

## 'Emergency' at factory puts crews to test

A FIZZY-drinks factory in Folkestone has hosted a full-scale live emergency exercise by fire brigades, councils, the police and Government agencies.

Silver Springs Mineral Water in Park Farm Road was the venue on Saturday for the project designed to test the emergency services' response to a big fire at an industrial site storing chemicals.

Staff from Kent Fire and Rescue Service, East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Shepway council, the Environment Agency, the Highways Agency and Kent Police all took part in the exercise.

Fire-fighters, eight appliances and specialist vehicles from east Kent and East Sussex, including two high-volume pumps capable of delivering up to 8,000 litres of water per minute, helped tackle a replicated fire in a warehouse.

Crews were tested on how well they worked with each other to bring the fire under control. Plans for supplying the vast quantities of water needed for tackling a fire at the site were also examined, while officers in charge of the exercise were also watched to see how well they commanded and controlled the incident.

Exercise director Russ Jordan said before the exercise: "Genuine incidents at premises like Silver Springs can throw up extra challenges.

"This exercise is a good opportunity for all the agencies to practise because we can control the environment, enabling us to further develop the skills needed for tackling an incident so that we are ready when the real thing happens."

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## Champ's free cycling tips

AN OPPORTUNITY to gear up your cycle skills and learn from a British and European champion takes off at Pencerster Skate Park, Dover, throughout this month.

Dover resident James Sheridan, UCI British Cycle Trials Elite 20-inch class champion and European Cup winner, is leading a series of free drop-in skills sessions.

The series of two-hour sessions is taking place at the park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm-7pm throughout March.

Further sessions are due to be arranged throughout the year – they are for all ages and abilities. These latest follow a number of events at the skate park, including the skate-and-ride event in April 2009.

The new drop-in sessions are being delivered by local company PACE Development on behalf of Dover District Council.

They are being funded by the Barclays Spaces For Sport programme.

## Go bananas at craft event

THE Dover Fairtrade group has set up the chance for children to be involved in Fairtrade Fortnight.

There will be a chance for children aged 11 and below to take part in decorating Fairtrade bananas in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday between 10am and 12.30 pm.

A spokesman for the event said: "We are appealing for anyone who has pipe-cleaners, glitter, glue, scissors, coloured card, material offcuts, feathers or even googly eyes to drop them into the town council before Friday."

## Serial shoplifter is jailed

A MAN has been jailed for almost a year for shoplifting offences.

At Dover court, Paul Timothy Hallissey, 47, of Leyburne Road, Dover, was sentenced to 70 days' imprisonment to run consecutively for a total of five offences.



**PASSED AWAY:** June and Ken Paine, the official historians to the Leas Cliff Hall, died within days of each other

# Hall historians: 'the end of a life together'

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

TRIBUTES have been paid to a much-loved couple who were the official historians to Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall and died within days of each other.

Ken and June Paine, who were married for more than 60 years, passed away last month after losing their battle against cancer.

Their passing was a "sad loss to local history", said Eamonn Rooney, a founder member of the Folkestone History Society, to which they belonged.

Mr Rooney said: "They were lovely people and very dedicated members of the society. Ken used to run a hairdressers, so it was always a great way of getting to know each other.

"They contributed to several history booklets that the society produced and whenever Ken told me he was working on something I'd always try to help him in any way I could.

"I remember he was doing some research on the old Lyndhurst Hotel in Sandgate Road and I was able to give him a slide and print.

"It was an end of a life together, a sad loss to local history, and they will be missed."

Leas Cliff Hall manager Stephen Levine and deputy manager Clive Watson were at the funeral at Hawkinge Crematorium on Friday last week and a wake was held afterwards at the venue's Channel Suite.

During Ken and June's long association with the hall, they chronicled its history, including leading its 80th-anniversary tours, reviving memories for patrons past and present and educating others about the treasured building.

Ken's first visit was in the crèche when he was aged just four; more followed through to the war years when he played as a drummer in the concert orchestra in front of 1,500 servicemen and women every evening.

He later took on the role of floor manager and the couple's shared love of local history and film-making is what led to them to devote much of their lives to the hall.

They were honoured for their dedication and services to the venue by being made the Leas Cliff Hall's official historians, while they were awarded a lifetime ticket for their loyalty and contributions over the years.

Ken and June produced and part-funded a DVD documentary about the Leas Cliff Hall's history in 2008 as told by the people who had known it over the years.

Ken had recently said: "Looking back, I really do feel the Leas Cliff Hall has been a large part of my life – in fact my second home."

The Leas Cliff Hall management said the couple would be "sorely missed by all and their legend will remain throughout the venue for decades to come".



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## Charity performers make heroic effort

GIRL duo Callista are performing in Dover's Help For Heroes concert.

Ebony Johnson and Katie Search met at college and have performed in many musicals and concerts – here they perform Use Somebody, the song chosen for their Britain's Got Talent audition in November. The girls were due to find out this month if they got through.

The concert, on Sunday, July 11, will see a commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain at the memorial to the RAF heroes of 1940 at Capel-le-Ferne. **Search 'Callista'**

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### JACOB RICKARD



**Q** Tell us a little about yourself

**A** I'm an 18-year-old from Folkestone and I'm the presenter and producer of BBC Kent Introducing on BBC Radio Kent. I spend my days listening to music, drinking tea and eating crumpets.

**Q** How did you first get involved in BBC radio?

**A** Radio production has always been my main ambition and I started when I was 14, making reports for BBC Radio Kent's drivetime show. I then started as the producer of BBC Kent Introducing, and I've been the presenter since August 2009. I'm also a freelance producer at Radio Kent and Radio 1.

**Q** What is the concept and idea behind BBC Kent Introducing?

**A** It airs every Sunday from 8pm-9pm. It's part of the national BBC Introducing network, which offers unsigned musicians unparalleled opportunities to be heard across the UK. Our show focuses on Kent talent and we've been doing it for almost two years.

**Q** How would you describe Kent's range of new music?

**A** There's a fantastic spectrum of music around at the moment. On our show we play loads of great young talent, from bedroom

MCs and producers to indie bands playing on the pub circuit.

**Q** Is there anyone in particular you would tip for success?

**A** The county's hottest musical property right now are a Tunbridge Wells band called Tom Williams & The Boat. They played on the BBC Introducing stage at Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone in 2008 and they're releasing their debut album later this year. They'll be the headline act at our second birthday party in Folkestone on Friday (March 5). Other bands on the bill include Thanet rock band Floors & Walls, Gravesend's Gaoler's Daughter, Chatham punk trio Polka Party and Sittingbourne blues-folk band Krissy & The Jackdaws. There'll also be DJ sets, including one from Tunbridge Wells's Jacob Plant.

**Q** What do you believe are the key ingredients for becoming a successful musician or band?

**A** Loads of passion and motivation – you need to be absolutely dedicated to putting in a lot of promotional legwork when you're starting off. Also think about what makes you different – it really helps you get noticed if you're doing something original.

Another important step is to upload your music to BBC Introducing, which gives you instant exposure to producers around the BBC, including Radio 1 and 6 Music. Go online at [www.bbc.co.uk/kent/introducing](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent/introducing).

**Q** You come from Folkestone – what do you think of the town and its musical talent?

**A** Folkestone's music scene ebbs and flows, but at the moment it's reaching a new high. There are some brilliant new bands from the town – most notably Elephants. There are some great venues, too, especially the new Quarterhouse, where our birthday party is.

**Q** What has been your greatest or most memorable live music experience?

**A** My favourite live act are Muse – I saw them recently and they were phenomenal. In terms of memorable moments, I was in Brixton Academy once when some dude in front of us set his friend's hair on fire.

**Q** Tell us something that not many people tend to know about you?

**A** Despite presenting a radio show about the county, my geography of Kent is hopeless. I once drove from Hythe to Tunbridge Wells via Strood by mistake.

**Q** How can people find out more about BBC Kent Introducing's birthday party and get tickets?

**A** All the details are on our website – [www.bbc.co.uk/kent/introducing](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent/introducing). Tickets for the gig on Friday are £6 and available to over-16s. You can buy them direct from the Folkestone Quarterhouse venue, online or on 01303 858500.

Q & A

The teenage DJ from Folkestone speaks to **James Alexandre** about the Kent Introducing night at Quarterhouse, which bands he tips for wider success and how he first became a radio broadcaster

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**NEW WAVE:** Dover's RNLI crew are placed back in the nation's television spotlight with the return of Sea Patrol UK

## New series has coast rescuers back on screen

■ BY NICK AMES

AFTER a successful first series, Sea Patrol UK is back for a second run, featuring the role of the emergency services in safeguarding the Strait of Dover.

The work of the Dover lifeboat, coastguard and other organisations that perform search, rescue and security duties will all be featured when the show airs this summer.

Diccon Green, director of production company Wall To Wall, has settled into his six-month stint in Dover and is getting used to filming on a moving boat.

He has previously worked for the BBC as a director and producer on several series featuring the police and other agencies, most recently on the Sky One series UK Border Force, which followed the work of customs and immigration teams.

The production team will be splitting their time between the Dover lifeboat and coastguards working in the Dover area.

The first series showed the lifeboat rescuing the crew of a yacht that had gone aground on the Goodwin Sands and the

search for a missing man. It was the most-viewed series on National Geographic Channel in the UK during 2009 and when shown on Channel Five attracted 1.5 million viewers a week.

RNLI coxswain Stuart Richardson said: "I'm pleased to see the Wall To Wall film crew back for a second series.

"The first series was an excellent way for the public to see close-up the variety of searches and rescues carried out by the charity's volunteers around the Dover Strait."

Mr Green said: "Like the first series of Sea Patrol UK, we hope to make another fascinating and enthralling show featuring those amazing men and women of the RNLI, coastguard, Navy and bomb-disposal teams who regularly put their lives at risk protecting and rescuing people, and ships, and policing the world's busiest commercial waterway."

The series of eight hour-long episodes is due to air in July on National Geographic and then later in the year on Channel Five.

Wall To Wall Television is a producer of factual and drama programming.

During 2009 it was voted most-respected independent production company in a survey by *Television Magazine* and has been responsible for series such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *New Tricks*.

## Astonishing rescue of sea dog

COASTGUARD volunteers taking part in a training session helped rescue a dog who had been swept almost five miles along the coast from Deal to Sandwich.

The owner of a Staffordshire bull terrier called Little Man contacted Deal coastguard at about 9.30pm on Friday.

He said the dog had been swept into the sea north of Deal pier.

Dover Coastguard predicted that wind and tide conditions would have swept the animal to Sandwich Bay, where he was found.

Dover Coastguard watch manager Mike Painter said: "These volunteers were at the right place at the right time for the owner of the dog, who was immensely grateful to see his pet returned safe and sound."

Meanwhile, Environment Agency teams were in action on Sunday to prevent flooding.

Outside the town, teams operated the Stonar Cut sluice to intercept tidal water flowing upstream and divert it back to the lower stretch of the river.

Temporary defences were set up to protect homes by the town quay.

As well as the high tides, heavy rain falling on saturated ground contributed to flooding in many parts of east Kent.

"Our teams in the field worked hard to prepare for the weekend's weather, monitoring river levels, checking flood defences and ensuring drains and culverts were free from debris," said Environment Agency spokesman Jonathan Taylor.



# Figures 'show cameras are saving lives'

■ BY NICK AMES

SPEED cameras in Dover are continuing to help reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents, according to the latest figures from the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership.

In the three years prior to installation, 17 people were killed or seriously injured at crash hot-spots in the district.

That figure has been cut to just ten people killed or seriously hurt at camera sites in the most recent three-year period from 2006-08 – a fall of 41 per cent.

Communications officer Katherine Barrett said the roadside cameras were installed at specific locations because of their history of speed-related crashes in which people had been killed or seriously injured.

Dover has two fixed yellow safety cameras, one at Ringwould and the other at St Margaret's, and three safety-camera van sites.

Ms Barrett said: "Where you see a yellow fixed camera, it means there have been three or more deaths or serious injuries over a one-kilometre stretch in the three years before the camera was installed.

"Our camera vans operate at sites where at least one person has been killed or seriously injured in a speed-related crash.



**NOT SO FAST:** Statistics show there have been fewer deaths and serious injuries since cameras were set up

"All cameras are placed where they will save lives and these latest figures for Dover show beyond any doubt that they are making our roads a safer place," she said.

The campaign is conducted through a combination of educating drivers and encouraging them to slow down, publicity campaigns and enforcement.

More than 33,400 speeding tickets were issued to motorists across Kent and Medway in 2008 but, despite this, the group said drivers were slowing down.

Ms Barrett said: "While we're still issuing tickets, the message is getting through to people and the number of tickets we're processing is falling every year."

## West End director Matt is to lead youth-theatre workshop

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DOVER Youth Theatre is to hold auditions for a six-day performing arts workshop entitled From Film And Footlights.

West End musical director and BBC coach Matt Gardener, choreographer Julia Rennells, director Michael Thomas and actress and director Marie Kelly will all be taking part.

Matt, who joins DYT for the first time, is creator of Theatreworkz and has been director on hit-shows Blood Brothers, Scrooge, Jesus Christ Superstar and Hair.

He has also written music for MTV, taught at Mountview Theatre School and on BBC's Cranford coached Dame Judi Dench and Sir Michael Gambon to sing hymns.

The workshop dates are Saturday to Thursday, April 10-15, with a performance to the public on the final day at 7.30pm in Dover Town Hall.

Initial auditions for a limit of 25 places take place on Friday (March 5) at 4.30pm in the Salem Baptist Church Hall, Maison Dieu Road, Dover.

Auditions are open to all between the ages of ten and 26. A spokesman for the group said: "Please prepare a short drama piece and a short unaccompanied song."

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# LAA London Ashford Airport (Lydd)

**The planning applications to expand the airport will be considered by Shepway District Council at the Civic Centre, Folkestone on Wednesday 3 March at 7.00pm**

## Follow the debate in your own home

If you have a PC you can watch the debate in your own home. You will be able to view the planning meeting as it happens through the use of your internet connection by logging on to **www.shepway.gov.uk** and clicking on the webcasting link.

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The time taken to download the free software will depend on the speed of your internet connection and so it is recommended that you try clicking on the webcasting link a couple of days in advance to see if you need to download the software or not.

## View the debate live at the Marsh Academy Theatre, New Romney

The meeting will be relayed to a large screen at The Marsh Academy Theatre in Station Road, New Romney, where copies of the report to councillors will also be available. Free parking.

## Please note there is no seating available in the council chamber in Folkestone

Shepway Council's council chamber is very small and all seats in the public gallery have had to be reserved for people speaking at the meeting.

However, we are relaying the meeting via screens to other rooms at the Civic Centre. Please note for health and safety reasons, seating is limited to 106 places and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

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# County providing welcome haven to feathered friends



Picture CHRIS COMERSALL (www.rspb-images.com)

**ON THE UP:** Numbers of avocets have shown a healthy increase around Kent's coast during recent years – milder winters are thought to have benefited them

■ BY NICK AMES

A NEW report entitled *Waterbirds In The UK 2007/08* has highlighted the importance of Kent as a winter destination for winged visitors.

Each winter this country sees the arrival of millions of waterbirds from the Arctic and northern Europe.

Dungeness, The Swale and the Medway estuary are all prime destinations in the county for thousands of birds.

Dungeness is listed in the report as being internationally important for two species, shoveler and mute swan. In the last five years the area and nearby Rye Bay supported an average of 36,165 birds.

Meanwhile, The Swale supported an average of 79,361 birds over the last five years, with black-tailed godwit, golden plover and pintail occurring in internationally important numbers.

The Medway has three species occurring in internationally important numbers – avocet, pintail and black-tailed godwit.

Over the last five years it has supported an average of 29,413 birds.

Dr Mark Avery, the RSPB's conservation director, said: "Two aspects of this long-running study really stand out.

"Firstly, that bird populations change over time and understanding this is critical to developing future conservation strategies.

"Secondly, that the UK's wetlands, and particularly those on the coast, are of enormous importance to the survival of a great number of waterbirds which migrate from many other countries.

"The protection and wise management of our wetlands is a priority to ensure that they continue to provide a lifeline to bird populations in the face of climate change."

## Shifting

An analysis of the 50 most widespread winter-visiting wetland birds showed there had been some dramatic changes over the last decade – and emphasised the importance of protecting sites such as The Swale, the Medway and Dungeness in the face of a UK-wide decline in some species.

Birds faring the worst compared with a decade ago included ringed plover, pochard, bar-tailed godwit and Greenland white-fronted goose.

However, on a positive note, the five species recording the greatest increases over the period included little egret, whooper swan, black-tailed godwit, avocet and barnacle goose.

For some declining species, such as ringed plover and bar-tailed godwit, it seems they are shifting away from wintering in the UK, choosing instead to spend the winter in continental Europe.

Those species which have increased in numbers have been increasing for a variety of reasons.

Avocets are believed to have increased because of milder winters and targeted conservation action, while black-tailed godwits and whooper swans, which migrate from

## Winged spectacle on your doorstep

DUNGENESS, The Swale and the Medway estuary all offer excellent opportunities to watch birds.

Viewing hides have been set up on Elmley Marshes RSPB reserve, while the unusually-named Horrid Hill at Riverside Country Park, near Gillingham, offers 360-degree views over the Medway estuary.

The expanse of mudflats and the wide skies contribute to the excellent viewing conditions and, despite its name, Horrid Hill is one of the most attractive sites in north Kent for birdwatchers.

Dungeness is internationally regarded as an excellent site for birdwatchers and its bird observatory is a registered charity with a warden present between March and November.

Its main recording area – where bird numbers are compiled – is the south-eastern corner of the shingle promontory that juts into the western limits of the Strait of Dover.

A daily record is kept of all birds spotted in the area and this is available for visitors to consult.

The main threat to the county's bird population is development, with proposals for an expansion of Lydd airport and plans for an offshore airport in the Thames estuary being of particular concern.

The huge number of new houses being planned for the county will also put tremendous strain on its environment.

Iceland, are thought to be increasing because of subtle changes in farming there, possibly linked to climate change.

The annual report is based on the fieldwork of some 3,000 bird-surveyors participating in synchronized monthly counts at wetlands, including estuaries, marshes, lakes and reservoirs, across the UK.

Chas Holt, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: "The changes in waterbird populations identified each year by the Wetland Bird Survey highlight the importance of monitoring our wetlands.

"Without the dedicated efforts of volunteers throughout the UK, we would know far less than we do about how our waterbird populations are faring, and which sites are of most importance for them.

"Future research and conservation efforts, both at the national and international level, can be suitably directed using information collected by these volunteers."

## Partners

Richard Hearn, head of species monitoring at the World Wildlife Fund, said: "Where declines of these migratory waterbirds have been noted in the UK, we must guard against assuming these birds are wintering further east in parts of Europe previously too cold.

"Climate-related changes in distribution have the potential to mask more serious conservation problems, so it is more important than ever that we get the complete picture by working with partners abroad to monitor these birds across their flyways."

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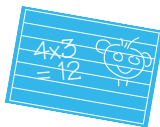
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AWARD: Laura Hunter

Laura Hunter, a former pupil at St Edmund's School, was one of the top intake of students in the University of Reading's five faculties of arts and humanities, Henley Business School, life sciences, sciences and social sciences.

It is the fourth year of Reading's Entrance Scholarship scheme, where 325 pupils received a share of the £850,000 fund.

Vice-chancellor Professor Gordon Marshall said: "We are delighted to be able to reward the hard work and success of undergraduate students throughout the university."

"The university now distributes £9 million annually in bursaries and scholarships – a measure of our commitment to providing comprehensive support for our deserving and talented students."

Entrance scholarships were introduced in 2006 and the numbers receiving them has increased from 64 in the first year to 325 in 2009-10.

They are open to all full-time UK/EU and non-EU undergraduates and are not means-tested.

To find out more, you can go to [www.reading.ac.uk](http://www.reading.ac.uk).



SHAKE ON IT: Matt Solomon, above right, with lecturer Stephen Downs, centre, is congratulated by a representative from Makita. Right: Aaron Hamilton is presented with a certificate and sander



# Tooled up for the future

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

STUDENTS from Folkestone and Dover were among the winners at an annual building and construction skills competition held at South Kent College.

The 2010 Skilled Up contest featured all six further education colleges in the county and prizes included power tools provided by sponsor Makita, along with medals and cups from Wates.

The event to find the best builders, carpenters and painters in Kent is part of a drive to boost the UK's chances in the international Skillbuild contest – known as the Skills Olympics – being held in London in 2011.

Last year lecturers and judges were impressed at the level of concentration and the success of the 2009 Skilled Up has encouraged

more students to take part this year. It is hoped this will then lead to more young people entering for the Regional Skillbuild competition, the feeder one for the national and international events.

Skilled Up project director Mike Stanley said: "Last year no one could believe the silence that fell in every workshop as the students taking part totally focused on what they were doing."

"Skilled Up events are an exciting opportunity for these students to showcase their talents which will ultimately boost their confidence and motivation to succeed and be recognised as the best in their craft."

Construction lecturers swapped colleges to judge how students performed from set drawings. For many students it was the first time

they have been judged by anyone outside their own workshop.

The other institutions involved were Canterbury, North West Kent, Mid Kent, Thanet and West Kent colleges.

Aaron Hamilton, 19, of Aycliffe, Dover, won the paint and decorating prize; and Matt Solomon, 25, from Hawkinge, was the winning carpenter. All prize-winners were presented with a Makita sander worth £90.

First place winners from these heats will be invited to compete at the grand final on Wednesday, June 23, where Thanet Tool Supplies will provide prizes from the Makita range.

The UK faces growing skills shortages and many young people are unaware of the wide range of career and training opportunities open to them, particularly in apprenticeships, where employers do not have to pay for training when they are under 19.

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# STOP LYDD EXPANSION



**An expanded airport at Lydd would blight Romney Marsh and Dungeness forever.**

But there is still time to prevent this disastrous development, which threatens the unique wildlife of the Dungeness area, as well as the area's tranquil beauty. Two-thirds of local people have already said no to airport expansion. Act now and make sure that your councillor votes that way too.

On March 3, Shepway District Council will vote on whether or not to allow the expansion of Lydd airport. Many of the councillors say they have not yet made up their minds. You have a last chance to let them know how, as your representative on the council, they should cast their vote.

The coalition of groups opposing the expansion of Lydd airport believes that, if the plans go ahead, the Romney Marsh and Dungeness area will never be the same again. A massively expanded Lydd airport would:

- Damage or destroy the area's unique wildlife and degrade the wider environment.
- Significantly diminish the quality of life in Lydd, New Romney and the entire surrounding area because of the unprecedented increase in air and road traffic.
- Ruin the tranquillity of Romney Marsh with increased noise levels.
- Threaten existing jobs and livelihoods.
- Raise major safety issues due to the airport's proximity to the Dungeness nuclear power stations and the Ministry of Defence firing range.

If you believe the area's tranquillity, history and wildlife should be protected and enhanced then please take this last opportunity to write to your councillor, tell them your views and ask them to vote against the expansion plans.

Help us put a lid on Lydd airport once and for all.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### A&E staff so quick, efficient and caring

I would like to thank the staff in the accident and emergency department and the fracture clinic at Margate's QEQM Hospital.

I am pleased to say that my recent visit to A&E lasted exactly one hour from entering the building to leaving it.

During that time my wrist and ankle were X-rayed from every conceivable angle; my wrist was given a temporary cast and my ankle bound up.

The fracture clinic was very busy the following week, but I was dealt with efficiently and sympathetically. And my wrist is on the mend.

And may I also take the opportunity to remind readers that A&E is not the place to go with a sniffle or a tummy upset. A&E is where you go with broken bones or to get a wound stitched.

Clr Mike Eddy (Labour)  
Mill Hill ward

### Council will fold if it doesn't back airport

The redevelopment of Lydd airport, owned by Shepway council, is vital to the regeneration of Romney Marsh and surrounding areas.

The Government's policy is to support the development of small regional airports as part of its regeneration strategy.

Shepway's Local Plan supports Lydd airport redevelopment, as does Kent County Council's Structure Plan.

There are no legitimate reasons for refusal of the planning application. This was demonstrated in 1994, when following an expensive public inquiry, planning permission was granted with conditions.

There is no doubt that if Shepway refuses planning permission, the management of Lydd airport will lodge an appeal of 'non-determination' as it has taken three years to reach a date for hearing the application and Shepway's planning department has chosen to ignore the details of the previous public inquiry.

If our local authority loses this appeal – and this seems inevitable, as happened at Stansted – then this could herald the demise of Shepway council.

The leaseholders at Lydd airport have so far invested in excess of £20 million in upgrading facilities.

They also incurred costs of £2m in providing information such as an Environmental Impact Assessment and other information already in the possession of Shepway council through the public inquiry.

The final tally of compensation will bankrupt the council.

The Chambers of Commerce at Folkestone and Ashford consider the redevelopment of Lydd airport to be crucial to the regeneration of our area and the committee and members of Friends of Lydd Airport

## your blogger

The Greek financial crisis could be good news for British sunseekers, says Gary Wright



THE thing I've resented most about the credit crunch has been how expensive it's become to go abroad.

But that's about to change. As the banking crisis led to global recession, I watched the value of my holiday pound slump.

This was in large part due to our government's solution to the problem: quantitative easing, or printing money, as most African dictators would know it.

A cheap pound makes our products more saleable abroad. Unfortunately, we don't produce much and our one big skill – financial services – is no longer in such great demand.

And weren't our chums across the Channel happy? The Germans, Belgians and French quickly realised Angleterre was the place for a bargain.

They came across, shopping for clothes and shoes, then wondered why we weren't visiting Calais quite so often any more.

Well you wouldn't, would you? Tesco wine is cheaper over here and I'm not comfortable paying eight quid for a bit of cheese made from sheep milk.

Anyway, the annual Wright family excursion has been a little squeezed in the past couple of years because of GB Ltd's financial mess.

Portugal and Mallorca turned out to be a bit pricey last year, and even Turkey the previous year admitted prices were up and Brits weren't spending as much. No wonder.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the editor, Dave Mairs, on 01303 817022 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor.

And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).

Group call on all the members of Shepway council to support them and the airport in creating desperately-needed employment, especially for our youngsters.

Michael Walsh  
Friends of Lydd Airport Group

### Rejection shows the future is greener

The recent reiteration of Shepway council's planning officers to reject Lydd airport's expansion plans must now be the final nail in the coffin.

The environmental considerations, officers say, have not been met. Anyway, the wider need to act now to curb climate change, including problems from aircraft emissions, must take precedence.

Further, aviation group IATA pointed out recently that the numbers of bookings for flights were down 15 per cent last year due to recession and people were holidaying in the UK instead.

This will continue for some years yet, given the difficult economic situation we face.

So it just remains for the full council to administer the *coup de grâce* at tomorrow's meeting.

I hope they will recommend that such plans be buried permanently, as most people on the Marsh and elsewhere may agree.

Meanwhile, up the road at Dungeness, all the hot air, complaining and reports over the Government's

rejection of the site as suitable for a third nuclear power station are also very likely in vain.

The latest information shows that both designs for new stations could be risky anyway.

The American Westinghouse AP1000 has design faults that could be dangerous in an aircraft collision, for instance, and the French Areva and Finnish-designed PWRs appear to produce a lot more radioactive waste than previously thought.

Despite the usual company denials, no new station can be foolproof, as independent expert John Large has said.

Thus the time has surely come for this area to adopt the green-tech and lifestyle options that are springing up in towns and cities across the UK as the way forward.

The CBI recently pointed out that the low-carbon sector is already worth £100 billion to the UK economy.

So green-tech businesses on the Marsh to help supply local, and wider, need must be the way forward.

Ray Duff  
Folkestone

### Lower rents to avoid a double-dip slump

Kent Green Party is urging owners of commercial premises such as shops to lower their rents to try to attract tenants.

I can get a fried breakfast cheaper in a transport café here than I could in sunny Marmaris. And that's not the way it should be. Because the idea of a holiday abroad is that it's so cheap you can come home and tell everyone how four of you ate out, drank gallons of the local booze, took a taxi back and still had so many pesetas/drachmas/lire left out of a tenner.

But for the past 18 months we've had to scrimp – and visiting Med hot-spots has become a bit pricey.

However, those nice Greeks are set to make it all better again. I love Greece. Holidays there have always been fun, sunny and cheap. But it's in real financial trouble and finally having to face up to economic reality.

France and Germany are pretty cross with Greek PM George Papandreou, since they have propped up the euro while our Mediterranean pals enjoy the benefits of stable interest rates and currency exchange.

Merkel and Sarkozy, along with the IMF, have given George a bit of a kicking and demanded he cut borrowing and spending, otherwise the country's international credit rating will resemble Zimbabwe's.

The Greek crisis has highlighted a dangerous weakness in the euro, proving that an interest rate and currency that stretches across borders 2,000 miles apart won't work unless everyone is sensible.

And that means the euro will become less attractive, will fall in value and we Brits can enjoy cheap holidays again. Retsina all round, then.

Economics, why do people make it so complicated?

With all town centres in Kent and Medway showing vacancies, one way a that double-dip recession may be avoided is to create new opportunities using empty shops.

Empty shop-fronts are apparent in every town centre in Kent. A major barrier to the use of these properties is the level of commercial rent expected by owners.

Would it not be better to have some income and keep properties in better repair through use rather than have an empty shop and no income?

The combined initiative of Kent's local councils, the No Use Empty campaign has made some steps towards putting properties into use.

But the process could be speeded up if commercial landlords were willing to reduce rents.

There is considerable scope for regeneration of urban centres based on refurbishment, rather than new-build if the roughly 22,000 empty homes across Kent and Medway are put back into use, too.

Town-centre shops need customers. Town-centre residents make good customers. If these efforts are made in combination with raising energy efficiency and the use of solar technology for energy supply, then businesses could also have lower energy costs.

Research indicates that a Green New Deal package could create a million sustainable jobs. Making full use of existing buildings is a key part of this.

Hazel Dawe  
Kent Green Party

### Global warming: I don't believe it

I do not believe in global warming – but I do believe in climate change.

Having endured one of the longest, coldest and wettest winters for decades, I think the climate is changing for the worst.

If global warming is happening, why do we not see more solar panels [photo-electric cells] being fitted to new building projects.

Why is the new Turner building in Margate not being roofed by solar panels?

If the planet is getting warmer, what proof exists?

I hear some of the polar ice is melting, but that has been going on for thousands of years – then it all freezes up again. How many islands have disappeared under the sea and how many new ones have erupted from the sea?

I expect if we should be lucky enough to have a nice summer, we will all hear this claptrap again on how our planet is getting hotter!

If that is the case, I am all for a warmer planet to live on. It's one of the reasons so many people go abroad to live – they can't stand the cold, damp climate of this beautiful island of ours.

Rex Priggen  
by email

### Save free trade, not so-called Fairtrade

This is the year that we need to stop listening to Fairtrade propaganda and start supporting Thanet's farms and businesses, such as Thanet Earth.

Why pay over the odds for produce that comes from a country that probably doesn't even like us when we can reduce our carbon footprint by buying local?

Forget Fairtrade – we must remain a free trade zone! At this time of economic uncertainty we need to put the interests of our workers first. What is Fairtrade doing to our local industries?

Many people are finding it difficult enough to feed their own families – should they be expected to subsidise the mistakes of other countries that have had their independence for decades?

It is more crucial than ever that we support local workers and producers.

If we want to help Third World countries to increase their economic potential, it is necessary to do this through free trade, not through so-called Fairtrade.

Not even credit-crunch Britain gets a fair deal, thanks to the EU; hundreds of tons of food are destroyed to keep prices high.

Even the selected producers that receive a 'fair wage' through so-called Fairtrade are not guaranteed economic success.

Fairtrade legitimises the protectionist economic policies of socialist countries. It is protectionist activities that seem to make Fairtrade necessary in the first place.

Rupert Thurgoe  
Ramsgate



## Cricketer Geraint's charity golf day

MARTHA Trust hosts its third annual Geraint Jones charity golf day.

Players with a maximum handicap of 24 for men and 30 for women are invited to Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich, on Friday, March 19.

Teams of four will be joined by Kent cricketer Geraint Jones MBE and John Shepherd, the former West Indies international and Kent player.

The 18 holes, followed by a two-course dinner and charity auction will cost £70 per player – £40 per member – with proceeds going to the Deal-based trust.

## Crack drug charge after cops seizure

A MAN has been charged with possession with intent to supply crack cocaine.

John Whiteman, 42, of Tupman Close, Rochester, was arrested inside the Pentagon Shopping Centre in Chatham.

Officers seized 73 wraps of crack cocaine, a class A drug.

He has been charged with possession Medway Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, March 3.

## Herald memorial

THE annual service to commemorate those who died in the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster is at St Mary's Church, Dover, at 11am on Saturday.

A window in the church honours the 193 people who died when the ferry capsized in March, 1987.

# Anniversary tribute to Few who took on the Luftwaffe

■ BY NICK AMES

THIS summer – the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain – will see a gathering of veterans at the official memorial to the heroes of the RAF.

On Sunday, July 11, former airmen will parade before Prince Michael of Kent at Capel-le-Ferne, while Spitfire and Hurricane fighters and a Lancaster bomber roar overhead.

The public is invited to attend what is sure to be a special day at the memorial, which includes a wall inscribed with the names of men who lost their lives, a sculpture of a pilot gazing out to sea and replica Hurricane and Spitfire fighter planes.

Cadets from all three branches of the armed services will attend, along with the band of the RAF. Standards from RAF squadrons will also be paraded on the day.

A spokesman said: "It's sure to be a great day. But as well as veterans, dignitaries and cadets, the public are also invited along and pay their respects."

The Battle of Britain took place in the sum-



TOP FLIGHT: Replica Spitfire at the Capel memorial

mer of 1940 after Hitler's Nazi forces had taken control of France and the Low Countries.

As a prelude to a planned invasion of Britain, the Luftwaffe was ordered to destroy the Royal Air Force which it greatly outnumbered. Raids lasted until the autumn as Fighter Command fended off waves of German bombers and tangled with their escorting ME109 and ME110 fighters.

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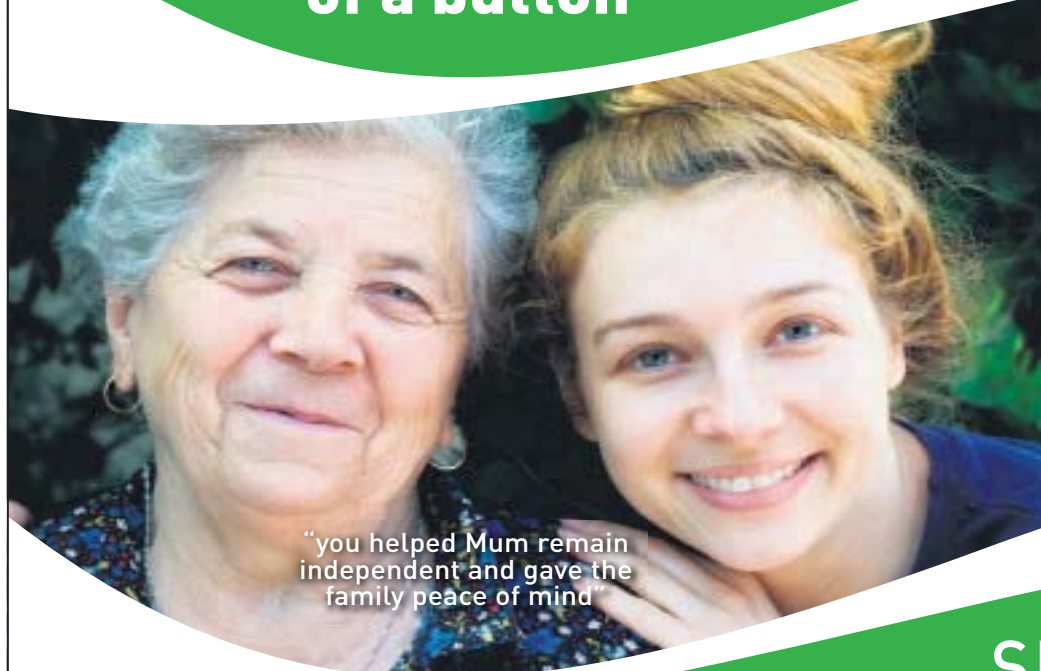
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# DeNiro still the daddy, says Drew

Co-star Barrymore says legendary actor was head of the family on set of *Everybody's Doing Fine*

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# De Niro's still the daddy as all-star cast line-up to join his film family

■ BY KATE WHITING

JUST how much do parents really know about their children's lives?

Everybody's Fine, a remake of an Italian film, suggests not as much as they think.

The film sees Oscar-winner Robert De Niro playing Frank Goode, a widower who has spent his life working in a wire factory, earning money to support his family.

When he retires, he realises he hasn't spent enough time with his children and sets off on a road trip across the US to surprise each of them.

He expects to find them living the successful lives his wife had always told him about, but the reality is very different.

As a father-of-four sons and one adopted daughter, 66-year-old De Niro knew only too well how complicated family relationships can be and it was this that appealed about the film.

"I can identify with this stuff, to say the least. I can understand what Frank is going through with his kids and that's what was so interesting to me," he says, in his unmistakable drawl.

"I have five kids and two grandchildren, so I could easily draw on [my own experience] when it was applicable to this film."

He's not afraid of how his children will respond to the film – and whether they'll see their dad in the character of Frank.

"I think they'll see it eventually... God knows what they'll say," he smiles, eyes twinkling.

Such is De Niro's pulling power as an actor, that Drew Barrymore, Kate Beckinsale and Sam Rockwell lined up to play his on-screen children, Rosie, Amy and Robert, and they worked hard to recreate a family.

"I hate those fake Hollywood families where people do one read-through and suddenly they're a family," says Barrymore, 34, whose character is "a dancer" in Las Vegas.

"This was different because we spent a lot of time together so the tactile feeling of affection would come across between us.



**PARENTAL CONCERN:** Drew Barrymore (right) called movie legend De Niro 'Daddy D' during the making of the film

"With Robert De Niro, I felt I couldn't just call him 'Bob', so I started calling him 'Daddy D'. I wanted to get to know him well enough so that those emotions would happen naturally on screen."

Beckinsale said: "I think we all felt very connected and cobbled together, like a real family. Everyone was full of emotions about the story.

"We might not have had the same experiences as our characters, but the themes of secrets in families, trying to protect your par-

ents and the relationships between siblings was something each of us could relate to.

"It was especially personal to Bob and that sort of filtered down to each of us."

Everybody's Fine was written and directed by Nanny McPhee's Kirk Jones and based on the Italian film Stanno Tutti Bene by Oscar-winning director Giuseppe Tornatore, itself a follow-up to his classic Cinema Paradiso.

"I was very aware of how universal family is as a theme, possibly second only to the theme

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of love, which half the films we watch are about," says Jones, who lives in Bristol.

He admits he didn't have a plan B if De Niro had turned down the role of Frank.

"There wasn't really a back-up plan. I just knew he was right. After meeting him in New York I knew he was absolutely perfect for the role. It was just a matter of waiting for him to realise he was perfect for the role."

De Niro didn't let him down.

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**WAITING GAME:** Channel 4's documentary about a UK maternity ward is great TV



**YOUR TV REVIEW** **ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE:** Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday

BEING a squeamish single man with no sign of a girlfriend, let alone a nipper coming along in the near future, I don't know much about childbirth.

But that hasn't stopped me from finding One Born Every Minute a fascinating watch.

This has been a real eye-opener and is a powerful slice of TV that takes you on an hour long emotional roller-coaster ride each week, so tune in.

A fly-on-wall documentary in the true sense of the word, this shows you what a life-changing experience childbirth turns out to be for those who have to go through it.

The highs and lows of the goings-on in an average British maternity ward actually turn out to be pretty gripping.

Sure we have the screaming fits and the swearing, but we also get to see

■ BY TOM BETTS

the births that go off without a hitch.

Although, a quick note to all the dads-to-be out there: never try and lark about during the process.

Buffoonery at the most dramatic point of a female's life, no matter how well intentioned, will probably go down like a lead balloon.

Steve the policeman found this out to his cost when he thought it would be a good idea to tickle his other half's back with an inflated latex glove, while she was in, what can only be described as, "full flow".

The rebuke was sharp and swift, but you could understand why.

Many of the males who have appeared so far have not fared too well, proving that even though their presence is requested, and in

these times, expected in the delivery room, it would probably be a better idea for them to wait outside, at home or even down the pub.

You must also pity the hospital staff who seem to have a life filled with non-stop drama and stress, but cope admirably well throughout, and often act as a referee between warring partners.

At the end of an hour, the abiding memory is that most women in labour come across as incredibly brave and remarkably stoic in the face of such immense pain and pressure, but are quickly reduced to sobbing, wide-eyed softies when the screaming newborn baby is placed in their arms for the very first time.

When people talk about reality TV, this is what we should be referring to, not Big Brother or any of its now pointless imitators.

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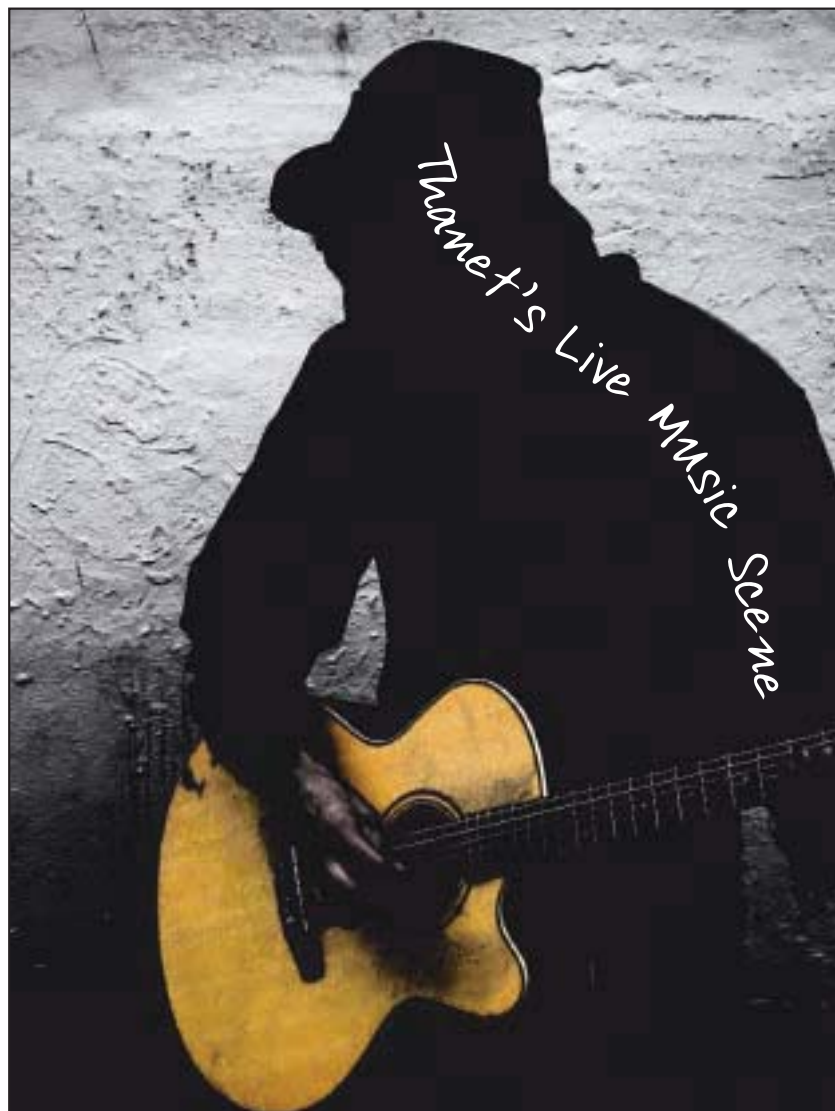
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### Walk beach with artist

ORDINARY people take part in a new piece of work by internationally renowned artist Hamish Fulton today.

The group will walk around the Marine Bathing Pool on Margate Sands from 9am to noon and the walk will feature Fulton's work at the new Turner Contemporary gallery in 2012.

Visit [www.turnercontemporary.org](http://www.turnercontemporary.org).

### Music and drama festival

THANET Music and Drama Festival is now under way with a busy programme of events across several venues.

It takes place at Christ Church University, Broadstairs during March.

Entry costs £3 per event or £15 for every section. Programmes £3 on the door.

Find out more at [www.thanetfestival.org.uk](http://www.thanetfestival.org.uk) or email [ljmyhill@live.co.uk](mailto:ljmyhill@live.co.uk).

### Library for the dyslexic

DYSLEXIA East Kent Support is holding a drop-in centre and library in Canterbury from 10am to noon on Saturday.

The event will be held at Kingsmead Leisure Centre on the first Saturday of the month during term-time and membership costs £15.

To find out more call 0845 003 8979 or visit [www.dyslexia-east-kent.org.uk](http://www.dyslexia-east-kent.org.uk).

### Kreme of Kent's crop

CANTERBURY'S Gulbenkian Theatre hosts a celebration of local talent with the return of Kentish Kreme on Saturday.

Eight acts will be on show including Nic Bennett, Five Floors Up, the Overdrafts, Alex Hills, Spygenius and the Flack.

The show starts at 7.45pm, tickets cost £10. Book at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk) or call 01227 769075.



# Quad racers do like to be beside the seaside

## BIG SKY BEACH CROSS

Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7  
Margate Main Sands

A WEEKEND of thrilling action is in store for east Kent as the Quad Racing Association's Big Sky Beach Cross event returns to Margate.

Now in its fourth year in Thanet, the weekend has become a highlight of the town's calendar and is sure to provide lots of exhilarating entertainment for all the family. Daredevil riders will be sending the sand flying during this full throttle weekend that will delight both petrol heads and people who are just looking for some gripping entertainment.

More than 15,000 people watched the free two-day spectacle from the promenade last year and this year's event looks set to be even more exciting. There will be plenty of thrilling race action and breathtaking dune jumps on Margate's main beach, where national and European entrants will battle for first place.

This year, the UK Beach Cross Championship will be launched and riders include ten-times British Quad Champion, Paul Winrow. French rider Jérôme Bricheux will make the trip across the Channel to compete in this fantastic event that will captivate spectators of all ages.

The fun starts with a parade both days, followed by practice laps. On Saturday morning, qualifying heats will be held for the Adult Quads and Solos to determine the group in which each rider will compete. Then the action really gets going as the racing begins at 10.30am, starting with the 250cc Youth

Thousands expected to watch some of Europe's finest quad-bike riders battle it out as championship returns for a weekend of mayhem on Margate's golden sands

Quads, with each class or group getting a minimum of three races per day.

Another parade opens Sunday's event before the racing starts, with the top riders from each class going forward to take part in the Grand Final on Sunday afternoon. This exciting finale will see competitors really motoring as they battle to be crowned the QRA Margate Big Sky Beach Cross Champion.

Away from the sand, there is lots more for spectators to enjoy, including traditional seaside entertainment and fairground rides.

There will also be opportunities to meet the riders and admire the powerful machines that have been making the sand fly. Trade stands and manufacturer displays will also be on offer and there are plenty of restaurants, shops, cafes and pubs close to the beach.

The event is organised by the Quad Racing Association with support from Thanet District Council. The QRA Big Sky Beach Cross Weekend first came to Margate in 2007, when Margate Town Partnership offered QRA the use of the beach. Since then, the relationship between the Association and the town has gone from strength to strength, as organiser Tony Nash mentions on the event's website.

"The way in which the town has been so accommodating has been incredible for our sport," he said. "I am so thrilled at the way the first event went and the relationship now formed between the council, town partnership and myself – it can only grow."

As the promenade sweeps above the beach, spectators have an excellent vantage point and this means that the entire beach is given over to the racing. The compact course means that the crowds have a great view of the action and the racing appears even more spectacular.

• More information about the event, including timetables and entry details, can be found online at [www.visitthanet.co.uk](http://www.visitthanet.co.uk) and [www.margatebeachcross.com](http://www.margatebeachcross.com).







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### EATING

Whilst on board our Food Court will be able to offer you great quality food at fantastic value prices - a family of four can eat for as little as £24 (2 Adults and 2 children under 16) with plenty of choice including 'Great British Classics' like Fish and Chips.

If you really want to treat yourself then you can dine in style in the world famous London Mayfair's Langan's Brasserie, exclusively on P&O Ferries.

You can sit back and relax whilst enjoying a Costa coffee on board along with a mouth watering muffin or a slice of cake. This is not just a trip with P&O Ferries; it is a total shopping and dining, travel experience and is not to be missed!

**WHAT TO SEE AND DO** - Stuck for ideas on what to do with the kids during Easter break? Why not take them to one of these great attractions just over the channel. We have some great offers for the whole family. Just cut out the vouchers below and start saving.

**NAUSICAA**: Visit Nausicaa in Boulogne for a complete sealife experience. There are several giant aquariums and terrariums, discovery areas and regular exhibitions. Find out about whale migrations, sharks, Aldabra Giant Tortoises and visit the Sea Lion reserve and Penguin Beach.

**LA COUPOLE**: A secret place hidden in the hills around St.Omer, just 40 minutes from Calais.

Visitors can re-live life under Nazi occupation, learn about V2 rockets, view archive footage of WW2 and discover man's conquest of space, a totally memorable and fascinating experience.

**PLOPSALAND**: Under an hour from Calais, Plopsaland De Panne is an excellent family theme park located on the Belgian Coast. Dive into Pirates' Bay with the SuperSplash, join Mega Mindy in pursuit of the villains on the Flying Bicycles and enjoy a splashing water spectacle in the Jetski.

**HOW TO BOOK:** To book online visit [www.poferries.com/kosmedia](http://www.poferries.com/kosmedia) or call the P&O Ferries reservation hotline on **08716 64 80 01** quoting 'KOS Q1'.

Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras. Calls from mobiles will be higher.

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Please make a note of the reference number you are given. Payments must be made by selected credit/debit cards at the time of booking. Bookings made by credit card/cheque are subject to a booking fee. All tickets are collected at time of departure.



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Dover to Calais <b>FOOT PASSENGER</b> Prices	Sunday - Thursday		Friday and Saturday	
Depart after 07:50am return before 22:00 the same day	Web	Phone	Web	Phone
Travel 28th Feb to 23rd April- Prices from	£3	£5	£7	£8

Dover to Calais <b>CAR FULL DAY TRIP</b> Car and up to 9 people	Sunday - Thursday		Friday and Saturday	
Depart and return before midnight the same day	Web	Phone	Web	Phone
Travel 28th Feb to 31st March- Prices from	£19	£24	£24	£29
Travel 1st April to 23rd April- Prices from	£23	£28	£30	£35

Dover to Calais <b>CAR AFTERNOON DAY TRIP</b> Car and up to 9 people	Any Day	Any Day	Any Day	Any Day
Depart before midday and return midnight the same day	Web	Phone	Web	Phone
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Travel 1st April to 23rd April- Prices from	£19	£24	£19	£24

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**P&O Ferries**  
**KOS Media Offer**  
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**Offer valid for entry between March 22nd and 23rd April 2010**

Cut out this Voucher and hand this voucher in with you P&O Ferries ticket when paying for your tickets at La Coupole. Offer not valid in conjunction with any other offer, discount or promotion. Voucher is only valid for one visit to La Coupole and one transaction only.

**P&O Ferries**  
**KOS Media Offer**  
**50% off entrance tickets, €14 per person (Normal price at gate €28)**  
**Offer valid from 4th to 18th April 2010**

Cut out this Voucher and hand this voucher in with you P&O Ferries ticket when paying for your tickets at Belgium's leading theme park Plopsaland. Offer not valid in conjunction with any other offer, discount, promotion or advanced booking. Voucher is only valid for one visit to Plopsaland and one transaction only.



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## KEITH JAMES AND RICK FOOT

Saturday, March 6, Quarterhouse, Folkestone

THE songs of Nick Drake can be heard once again in a sensitive performance by Keith James and Rick Foot (pictured).

Drake, who was only 26 when he died in 1974, left behind just three albums – Five Leaves Left, Bryter Later and Pink Moon – which failed to sell in high numbers at the time.

However, since then he has found a new audience and become a revered figure in contemporary acoustic music. His beautiful and fragile sound is finally earning the recognition it deserves.

Vocalist and guitarist James joins forces with double bass

player Foot to present Drake's music in an inventive and moving way.

Without imitating Drake, they give their own affectionate interpretation of his timeless songs and celebrate the legacy of a much-loved songwriter.

The show starts with the screening of a new documentary about Drake's life and music, featuring Ashley Hutchings, Katherine Williams, John Renbourn and Ralph McTell.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12/£10. To book call the box office on 01303 858500 or visit the website at [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk).



## LIVE MUSIC

Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, Westcoat, Margate

TWO evenings of great live music are on offer as Westcoat welcomes another selection of exciting bands.

On Friday, up-and-coming indie rock band Canterbury will be headlining the show.

Coupling fantastic songwriting with compelling delivery, the band is an emerging act that should not be missed.

Pop punk band Dissolved In will be playing in support and promoting their current release, Forever Is Over, along with LightsGoBlue who have been spending studio time with Enter Shikari.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £3.

It's all hands on decks on Saturday night as Brighton band Qemists perform a DJ set at Westcoat. These DJ performances are as popular as the live band shows from this drum 'n' bass/dub step/rock outfit.

Support will be provided by drum 'n' bass/dub step Skunk Nasti and crew, plus DJ Darko.

The show is suitable for ages 14 and above and doors open at 7.30pm.

To book tickets, priced at £8, email [westcoatbar1@aol.co.uk](mailto:westcoatbar1@aol.co.uk) or call 07938 090700.

## GERMAINE GREER

Thursday, March 4,  
Theatre Royal, Margate.



TAKE your chance to question an international feminist icon this week when Germaine Greer comes to Thanet.

Often controversial and opinionated, Greer is an acclaimed author, academic and publisher. Also a highly recognisable public figure, Greer is always much in demand as a journalist, commentator and reviewer. After 40 years in the public eye, she will be talking about her long career and the ways in which the world has changed.

Greer came to the attention of younger viewers when she took part in Channel 4's Celebrity Big Brother, becoming one of the few housemates to walk out in protest. The show gave her another platform on which to discuss her ideas about the role of women in today's world, views which always make interesting listening.

The audience will be able to quiz Greer during a question and answer session, when she is sure to answer queries in her frank and fascinating style.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £13. To book call the box office on 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787 or visit [www.theatroyalmargate.com](http://www.theatroyalmargate.com).



## JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS

Thursday, March 4 to Sunday March 7,  
Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford



ROLL up for a spectacular show packed with thrills and spills as the award-winning John Lawson's Circus sets up its Big Top.

Trapeze artists and acrobats will keep audiences on the edges of their seats with thrilling stunts, while a troupe of pirates will perform a death-defying sword fight in the roof of the Big Top.

The circus picked up three trophies at the National Circus Awards last year, which are voted for by the Circus Friends Association of Great Britain.

The show was named Best Small Circus and juggler Henrick Veres picked up the Best Ground Act accolade.

The tour sees the return of the Popolino Clowns, Kakehole and Popol, who won Best Comedy Act. No animals are featured in the circus and the show boasts plenty of highly talented human performers that will captivate audiences.

Tickets cost £5 on the first day and £7 on all other days and can be booked by calling 07860 498833. The circus will also be visiting Ramsgate, Deal, Aylesham and Bearsted this month.

Find out more online at [www.johnlawsonscircus.co.uk](http://www.johnlawsonscircus.co.uk).



## THE LAST BALLADE

Friday, November 24,  
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



A GREAT romance draws to its close in the compelling play with music, The Last Ballade.

To mark the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth, this production explores the composer's relationship with his muse, George Sand, and the stormy end to one of history's great relationships.

Actor and pianist Michael Lunts brings Chopin to life, as a man and a musician, in a show that will please fans of both Chopin's music and great drama.

Lunts has been touring the world with his portrayals of Chopin for 20 years, shedding light on the life and work of this highly talented composer. Last year he visited the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club with Winter in Majorca and now returns with this self-contained piece.

When Chopin met the novelist and controversial femme fatale known as George Sand, she inspired some of his finest work, such as the beautiful Berceuse, the famous Minute Waltz and the F minor Ballade.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 for club members or £12 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance. To book call 0845 262 6263 or email [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk).





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### CRYPTIC CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 1 Positive development? (10)  
 7 Around four, I in France, dance (4)  
 9 Spray of liquid hesitantly put on drink (8)  
 10 New centre spread (6)  
 11 It is supposed to bring good fortune during promising spell (5,5)  
 14 Stress identification was included for mishap (8)  
 15 Equality of one in political group (6)  
 16 Laurais not left another question first about celestial body (6)  
 18 Bus reversed in front of garage, not the main one (8)  
 20 Employment of persons I arranged (10)  
 23 Much liked dog I abused becoming a deep violet-blue (6)  
 24 Runs idea about old Roman coin (8)  
 25 Present from the residents (4)  
 26 Shabby fluff by back of one's foot (4-2-4)

**DOWN**

- 2 He accepted work in anticipation (4)  
 3 Catch onto small branch (4)  
 4 Beast having zest, no way, during legal complications (7)  
 5 A pair I caught to come up with fruit (7)  
 6 Impatient call for rate increase (5,2)  
 7 One who was cornered in a nursery-rhyme (4,6)  
 8 Archdeacon takes fifth allowance with awe (10)  
 12 Happening to be found with said bird at church (10)  
 13 Animated greeting to bring one round? (4,2,4)  
 17 Some of the correspondents reply (7)  
 18 Margery has slip first on mountain (7)  
 19 Boaz and Ann rediscovered wealthy mine (7)  
 21 Principal way through (4)  
 22 Some of the influx especially liked opulence (4)

### QUICK CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 1 Unresolved (2,2,3,3)  
 7 Bend (4)  
 9 Odd (8)  
 10 Interchange (6)  
 11 Mode of thinking (10)  
 14 Counter-argument (8)  
 15 Restart (6)  
 16 Grated (6)  
 18 Sitings (8)  
 20 Horror film (5,5)  
 23 Former Indian PM (6)  
 24 Part of the Atlantic (5,3)  
 25 Resist (4)  
 26 Rank of one titled iSiri (10)

**DOWN**

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 6 Cattle thief (7)  
 7 Amicable feeling (10)  
 8 Thrill (10)  
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 17 Northern French port (7)  
 18 Japanese dish (7)  
 19 To an excessive level (3-4)  
 21 Hash (anag.) (4)  
 22 Greek philosopher (4)

## YOUR HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT


**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

TAKE time to smell the flowers before it's too late. For the past few weeks, you've been working day and night. Small pleasures like good food, stimulating company and beautiful surroundings have escaped your attention. If you don't change your focus, you'll burn out fast.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762


**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

GETTING a little peace and quiet should be your first priority. You're just recovering from a period of frenzied activity. By taking this opportunity to rest, you'll be in good shape for the challenges that face you early next month. Pursuing an interest will be enjoyable.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752


**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU'RE making new career plans, which makes your loved ones nervous. Entering a hi-tech industry will cause your star to rise. It might also enable you to live abroad. Although you hate uprooting a youngster, it's the only way to take advantage of the opportunities ahead.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754


**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

AN intimate relationship takes an exciting new turn. You and your beloved won't be able to keep your hands off each other in the week ahead. Sneaking off to a private location will give life a welcome dash of adventure, but you should still make time to attend a party.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756


**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IF you've been looking for work, you could find an unusual one related to air travel, technology, or medical research. Although you may not have much previous experience in this field, you will take to it like a duck to water. You Librans are marvelously adaptable!

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758


**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

AN opportunity to spend more time at home changes the tone of your personal life. Lately, you've been spending lots of time at clubs, restaurants, and pubs. Now you're able to rest and relax in your own safe haven. If you're been thinking of buying your own place, start looking now.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760


**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU have a marvellous opportunity to reinvent yourself in a radical way. Changing your hairstyle, updating your image, and switching industries are among the possibilities. If you've been longing to come out of your shell, now is the time to do so.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763


**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

WHO you know is more important than what you know. Be sure to network at every opportunity. Have a supply of business cards on hand; you're sure to meet someone who will advance your social life. New friends will introduce you to a pastime that spices up your life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753


**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A CHANCE to expand your horizons will fall into your lap quite unexpectedly. This is your big chance to study alongside a respected teacher, chef, or artist. Their methods of instruction will be unconventional, but they will be effective, too. Don't question their advice; just lean into it.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755


**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

FORMING a business partnership will give you access to an unusual organisation. In the past, you were forced to take a back seat to people whose skills were inferior to yours. Now you have a chance to show off your talent. A benefactor will give you the funds to launch a project.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757


**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU'RE entering an exciting new phase, one that is filled with romance and adventure. If you have a lover, the two of you will rediscover the passion that first drew you together. If you're single you might meet someone special at a technology store or computer class.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759


**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

LEARNING a valuable skill will enable you to mix with some unusual people. You've never considered yourself to be particularly adept with technology, but that's about to change. Now you have a good teacher; you're able to work equipment with relative ease.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

Calls cost 75p per minute. Service provided by g8wave London N7

## LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No126

**ACROSS:** 1 Whistle-stop 9 Knotty 10 Hidalgo 12 Upsurge 14 Lerwick 15 Conjectured 16 Too 17 Pad 19 Bartholomew 22 Organza 23 Pavlova 24 Instate 25 Sunlit 26 Short-change.  
**DOWN:** 2 Hands-on 3 Set free 4 Lay 5 Scholarship 6 Ordered 7 Plaint 8 You-know-what 11 Quick profit 13 External ear 18 Digest 19 Beneath 20 Lavinia 21 Mooring 25 Sac.

### QUICK SOLUTION No127

**ACROSS:** 1 Up in the air 7 Flex 9 Singular 10 Switch 11 Wavelength 14 Resume 15 Resigned 16 Jaded 18 Sessions 20 Video nasty 23 Gandhi 24 Irish Sea 25 Dely 26 Knighthood.  
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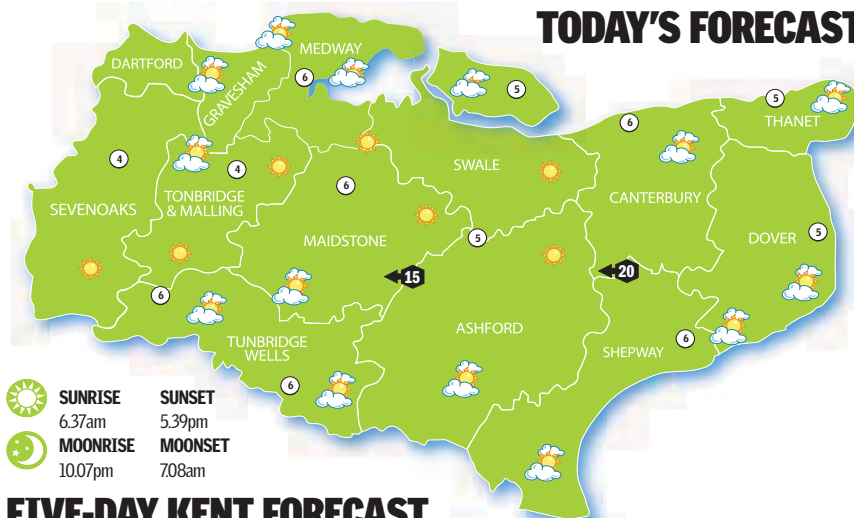
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Dungeness	Saturday	2:51pm	6.9m
	Sunday	3:41pm	6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:20pm	4.7m
	Sunday	4:10pm	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:24pm	5.4m
	Sunday	5:07pm	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:33pm	4.9m
	Sunday	5:15pm	4.7m



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	6°C	Madrid	11°C
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Barcelona	16°C	Paris	10°C
Beijing	-2°C	Rome	15°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	20°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	10°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	25°C	Warsaw	9°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	18°C



## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Ashford	10°C	6°C	6°C	7°C	6°C	Gravesend	9°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	6°C
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Chatham	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C	Ramsgate	7°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C
Dartford	9°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	6°C	Rochester	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C
Dover	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C	Sevenoaks	8°C	5°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Faversham	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C	Sittingbourne	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C
Folkestone	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C	Tonbridge	9°C	6°C	6°C	7°C	6°C
Gillingham	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	5°C	Tun Wells	9°C	6°C	6°C	7°C	6°C

# Comedian just won't shut up

FIRMLY dispelling those winter blues, the inimitable comedian Jo Caulfield will perform a stand-up set in Canterbury this month.

The woman who got into comedy after a drunken attempt at an open mike night in East London now tackles topical issues from the recession and how to get out of it, to more perennial annoyances like loved-up couples, in her new show.

Caulfield counts Dave Allen, Billy Connolly, Joan Rivers and Eddie Izzard as major influences and revels in one reviewer's description of her show as a "celebration of anger".

Recently dubbed the best female stand-up in the country by [chortle.co.uk](http://chortle.co.uk), Caulfield is best known for appearing on the BBC's *Mock The Week*, *Have I Got News For You*, *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* and Michael MacIntyre's *Comedy Roadshow*.

Unbeknown to many she has also been Graham Norton's head writer for years and has also written for celebrities ranging from Marcus Brigstocke to Anne Robinson.

Now, 12 years after her first comedy attempt, Ms Caulfield is taking to the stage for her fourth national comedy tour with her show *Won't Shut Up*, which sold out at Edinburgh.

The gig is on Wednesday, March 10, at the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury. Tickets cost £14, or £12 for concessions. They are available from the theatre box office on 01227 769 075 or [www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian).



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# yourcompetition

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HEART 103.1 & 102.8 is staging a number of exclusive and intimate live events called Heart Love Music Live with Barclaycard Unwind.

Heart's next Love Music Live event will be a once-in-a-lifetime gig with the multi-talented singer-songwriter Sharleen Spiteri at Orchid in London's West End on Thursday, March 4 – and YOU and a friend could be there!

Yourlocal has teamed up with Kent's biggest commercial radio station to give away one pair of exclusive, money-can't-buy tickets to see Sharleen Spiteri perform for you, up close and personal at this special intimate gig.

Following her massive success fronting the iconic band Texas and her UK top three debut solo record, Sharleen is back with a brand new album. The Movie Songbook is a collection of her favourite cinematic show-stoppers, featuring popular songs such as Xanadu, a stunning re-worked version of the classic 1980 number one hit.

To enter this fantastic competition simply email your name, address and telephone number to [Competitions@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:Competitions@kosmedia.co.uk). The winner will be notified on Thursday morning, so please make sure you are free on the Thursday evening to attend this great

music event. Closing date is tonight, Wednesday, March 3 at 5.30pm.

To find out more about Heart's Love Music Live events, tune into Heart Kent on 103.1 & 102.8 FM or visit [heart.co.uk](http://heart.co.uk)

Terms & conditions: The tickets are valid to see Sharleen Spiteri at Orchid in London on Thursday, March 4. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cannot be exchanged or transferred to another performance/artist and there is no cash alternative to the prize. Travel to/from London is not included. The competition is open to over 18s only.

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# yourmusic

## Love folk? Then you should Coco



**MUCH LOVED:** Coco's Lovers are gaining a reputation for their vibrant live performances

■ BY TOM BETTS

FOLK is back, and it's back with a bang.

The often ridiculed genre is undergoing something of a resurgence, and thanks to bands like Coco's Lovers, it's not difficult to see why.

Blending a battered suitcase full of whimsical harmonies, clattering rhythms and even the odd hand-clap or two, Coco's Lovers are gaining a reputation for joyous live shows and a musical depth that extends beyond the boundaries of a mere genre of the month.

During their performances you can expect to hear guitars, violins, flutes, recorder, tenor banjos, mandolins fighting to be heard over the sound of an appreciative audience.

The success of Fleet Foxes and the brilliant The Decemberists may have helped to kick-start the recent high-profile revival, but here in Kent, Cocos Lovers and their contemporaries are evidence that we have talent locally to sustain a scene beyond trends.

The set up is a true family affair and features brothers, sisters, husbands and wives, so it's no wonder there seems to be a special chemistry between the clan.

The band has captured the myriad melodies and boundless energy from their live shows with their debut album, Johannes.

With a typically rapturous live set promised from the Cocos, who have supported new folk sensations Mumford and Sons, you should expect a good night if you attend launch party for their new release on Saturday.

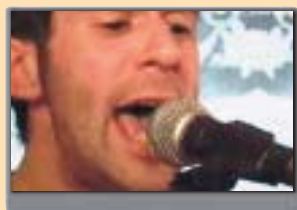
The record is being issued through small new Kent label Smugglers Records and the party takes place at the Astor Theatre in Stanhope Road, Deal, from 6.30pm until late.

Six of the band's seven members hail from the Cinque Port town and the Astor hosts regular Smugglers nights.

Support comes from the equally brilliant modern blues band Krissy and the Jackdaws and Will Varley, who peddles a fine line of

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- 1 Craig Sheridan - 7/3 The Bohemian Deal
- 2 Audio Bullies - 19/3 Westcoast Bar Margate
- 3 Save Target As - 23/3 Canterbury University
- 4 The Suspects - 26/3 The Rose Broadstairs
- 5 Foreboding Ether - 29/5 Ivy Leaf Sheppy

well-crafted, world-weary acoustic songwriting.

The party will also include a 7pm showing of the Martin Goldsmith's Folk Soul documentary, in which Coco's Lovers feature.

Tickets for the night cost £5 and are available from Soundhouse Records in Deal High Street or by visiting <http://cocoslovers.bigcartel.com/product/album-release-party-tickets>.

Enjoy the Coco's Lovers music at [www.myspace.com/cocoslovers](http://www.myspace.com/cocoslovers).



**VINTAGE VESSEL:** The Emanuel offers seven-day tours of around the beautiful coastline and islands of Croatia during the summer months

## yourgetaways

## Enjoy Croatia in all its glory on cruise around the Adriatic

■ BY PETER BEAL

OUR small cruise ship nosed into a deserted bay on the wooded island of Brac in the Adriatic, and we slipped over the side to swim in the crystal-clear waters.

It was the perfect way to cool off at the end of a day that had seen us explore Croatia's second city of Split, with its well-preserved Greek and Roman ruins.

After our refreshing swim in the bay at Brac, we clambered back aboard the Emanuel, a compact, vintage-style cruise ship which offers seven-day tours of Croatia's coast and islands this summer.

We moored in Bol on Brac, an old fishing port enjoying something of a boom as a resort.

Along the quayside, the local winery produces the local Bolski Plavac, a red wine made from local black grapes, and where you can enjoy tastings.

About 15 minutes' walk from the harbour is the beach of Zlatni Rat, or Golden Horn, a spectacular mini-peninsula of clean white pebbles stretching out to sea that has been acclaimed as among the world's top ten beaches.

We had spent our first night on board Emanuel moored in the mediaeval walled city of Trogir, an easy drive from Split Airport. The next morning, we headed north by road along the Dalmatian coast.

Fishing ports with their red-roofed houses dot the coastline, including the picturesque Primostan, a small village with narrow, winding streets set on a hilly peninsula.

We paused in Sibenik, the most-fortified town in the Adriatic and one-time seat of the Croatian kings,

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Time difference	+ One hour (GMT)
Capital	Zagreb
Language	Croatian
Currenty	Kuna
Religion	Roman Catholic

Peter Beal was a guest of Saga Holidays which offers a new seven-day Dalmatian Island Explorer cruise between May and October 2010 from £799, including return flights, transfers, insurance, full board, local wines, beers and soft drinks with punch and dinner, free bar open for 11 hours a day, all gratuities on board, and some excursions.

- With MV Emanuel sold out, future bookings are aboard The Vapor.
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to admire the magnificent 15th century St Jakob's Cathedral, which took 105 years to build with stone from Brac.

Further north is Zadar, an ancient and imposing town surrounded almost entirely by water and where film director Alfred Hitchcock, on a visit in the 1960s, pronounced its sunsets as the most beautiful he had seen in the world.

To the south is the 36-mile long Makarska Riviera, above which towers the 5,780-foot Mount Biokovo, a seemingly inaccessible mass of rock.

No-one should miss the historic walled city of Dubrovnik, dubbed the 'pearl of the Adriatic' by George

Bernard Shaw and rebuilt after the pounding it took from the Yugoslav Army and Serb rebels in the early 1990s.

When crowds from visiting cruise ships dispersed by mid-afternoon, we took the mile-and-a-half walk around the massive city walls, 10 to 20foot thick walls, looking down on the red roofs of restored buildings and the streets below.

Croatia has so much to offer visitors: magnificent buildings, a huge choice of watersports, miles of good walking, great beaches. With an expert guide to point the way, its history and heritage is utterly absorbing.



## MOTORS NEWS



### New Polo Bluemotion is the greenest VW yet

ORDER books are open for VW's most miserly BlueMotion model yet – the new Polo version should average 80mpg.

Priced at £14,445 for the three-door and £15,045 for the five-door model, the car uses a 74bhp 1.2-litre TDI three-cylinder diesel. It saves fuel and emissions through better aerodynamics and recovering energy via regenerative braking and an automatic start/stop system – the car is road tax exempt due to CO2 emissions of just 91g/km – yet can hit 62mph in 13.9 seconds.



### Chevy sparking interest in the city car sector

CHEVROLET'S Matiz city car was popular and cheap, but was stigmatised by association with older drivers.

Chevy is keen to ensure its Spark successor – launched officially on March 12 – suffers no such fate. The five-door Spark (£6,945) has dynamic styling for such a compact car, but the American value brand is also marketing it to younger buyers with personalised graphics, or 'Tags'.

Three different graphic sets are available plus co-ordinated floor mats at a cost of £199 all fitted.



### It's a last hurrah from Honda on Scrappage

HONDA has re-launched a popular zero per cent finance offer on the versatile Jazz to help customers make the most of the last month of Scrappage.

The Jazz supermini – now built at Honda's Swindon plant – has been the brand's best-seller via the Government-backed £2,000-a-time Scrappage grant scheme, ending on March 31.

Owners of cars 10 years or more old can still get the £2,000 though, plus that zero per cent HP deal over two years – also available to non-Scrappage customers.



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** Renault's Kangoo has taken the chassis from the latest Scenic MPV giving it a longer wheelbase than its predecessor, boosting the ride quality and interior

# Even more 'can do' comes from the all-new Kangoo

## ROAD TEST RENAULT KANGOO

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

for a bigger cabin, taking five adults in comfort with three proper seats and acres of space in the back. Back seats fold in one movement for a completely flat cargo area.

Mid-range Expression trim (as tested) brings overhead lockers and shelving, folding tables on front seatbacks, multi-position parcel shelf and folding front passenger seat.

However, the dashboard betrays van origins; it works well enough, but you are faced by a grim acreage of plastic though the situation is rescued partly by the glassy airiness and pleasant driving manners of the Kangoo.

Two 1.6-litre petrol options are available, but the 1.5dCi diesel is the big draw. I like this engine's flexibility and Renault underlines the point by offering three outputs: 68PS (67bhp), 86PS (85bhp) and 106PS (104bhp).

The first two have less than 140g/km of CO2 emissions, so they qualify for Renault's eco2 'green label' though still attracting £120/year in road tax and £110 after 1 April.

The 86PS unit fitted to the test car proved to be about right for the Kangoo, with a good mix of economy and power for a vehicle that may be worked hard as a family troop carrier or even a commercially-operated courtesy vehicle or taxi.



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Families help out the younger generation instead of saving

PARENTS helping their children get on to the property ladder is the main reason behind the growing property market in the past ten months.

According to one investment advisor, they realise that putting their money into housing is likely to provide a better return than keeping it in the bank.

Stuart Law, chief executive officer at property investment advice group Assetz said: "Parents are coming to the conclusion they should perhaps be helping their children with this money, rather than seeing it languish in a bank account where there's no interest being paid."

More products entering the mortgage market, including higher loan-to-value deals, are also boosting the housing market, Mr Law continued. He predicted five per cent growth for the property market this year, adding that it is dealing with the risks still present.

Figures from the National Association of Estate Agents revealed that the percentage of sales made to first-time buyers increased from 19 per cent in December 2009 to 23 per cent last month.

### We're optimistic about repaying the mortgage

RESEARCH by The Co-operative Bank Mortgages has discovered that 62 per cent of the UK's population hopes to become mortgage-free by the time they reach the age of 50.

Either through over-paying on their mortgages to taking advantage of low interest rate deals, 52 per cent of homeowners believed that by becoming mortgage free their lives would be better.

Continuing in their findings, The Co-operative Bank also revealed:

- 52 per cent would take more holidays
- 31 per cent would turn their attention to saving more for retirement
- 27 per cent would change their working lives by either quitting work or reducing their hours to part-time

And looking at homeowners methods for achieving this goal, they appear to be on the right track.

Whilst 31 per cent of those surveyed cited that they aimed to reduce the term of their mortgage through overpaying every month, a further 21 per cent planned to take advantage of the low interest rate environment.



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# Part-exchange to secure your dream

■ BY NICK AMES

RELOCATION from town to country continues to be an attractive option and experts say such moves are set to increase as the market picks up.

One couple who recently took such action are Paul and Marilyn Jarvis.

They lived in a modern, three-bedroom detached house in Hawkinge, near Folkestone, but wanted to make a move to a real country village, so that their future life was settled in a home that was perfect for their needs.

"We have lived in Hawkinge for many years but there has recently been a lot of new building which has changed the character of the area greatly and we wanted to move to a new environment where we could put down roots for the future" said Paul.

The couple marketed their home at the same time as looking for their dream property but it was several months before they found exactly what they wanted – in the village of Goodnestone.

### Dream

"At the time we found this lovely development of new homes on the edge of the village, we had still not sold our own home so it was a relief to know that having found the home we wanted to buy, that we were not going to lose it through lack of a sale on our own property," said Paul.

"The Part Exchange Scheme was very efficient and fair and saved us an estate agency fee. Within a few weeks we were packing up and moving."

What caught the attention of Paul and Marilyn was Hillreed's FitzWalter's Meadow a development offering a choice of homes, all architecturally designed specifically to reflect



**HAPPY MOVERS:** Paul and Marilyn Jarvis took advantage of the Part Exchange Scheme when buying their home

the local vernacular, which is exceptional.

Added Paul: "The location fulfilled exactly what we had been looking for. We were equally pleased with the quality of build of the homes – the wonderful, 'cottage' feel, the well planned and beautifully presented kitchen and bathrooms and the overall excitement of finding a home that was truly different.

Hillreed Homes have four properties remaining at FitzWalter's Meadow in Boyes

Lane. There is a three bedroom mid terraced house with car port and carpets already fitted for £229,950. There is also another three bedroom mid terrace house with greater living space plus parking at £244,950.

A four bedroom end of terrace house with car port and carpets already fitted is on the market for £299,950. Finally, plot seven offers 2,430 sq ft of living space and is a three storey detached house with garage for £529,950.

## Prospective tenants warned over deposit scam

AN increasingly widespread scam is targeting the buy-to-let sector – and it involves prospective tenants who are conned into sending deposits or money transfers to confidence tricksters posing as landlords.

A growing number of would-be tenants looking to find rooms and flats for rent in newspaper classifieds or online later discover the rental unit in question does not even exist.

Prospective tenants are told the landlord of a given property is overseas and as such, can-

not show the flat or room in question, until the potential applicant proves their good financial standing by sending a "secure" money transfer to a close friend or family member.

The con artist posing as a landlord then asks the prospective tenant to forward a copy of the transaction receipt.

However without the tenant being aware, this document contains information which is often enough to allow the confidence trickster to actually collect the transferred amount,

before the proper recipient has a chance to access the funds.

Citizens Advice noted that anyone looking to rent a home should realize that legitimate landlords will not ask prospective tenants to make a deposit before actually seeing the property in question.

But people have fallen victim to the scam, including a student who reportedly lost £1,800 after sending a transfer for a rental flat she had seen advertised on the internet.

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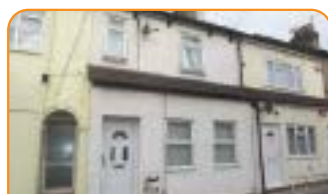
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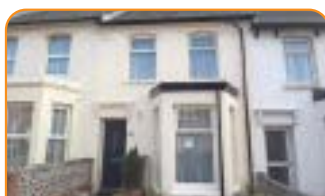
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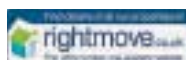
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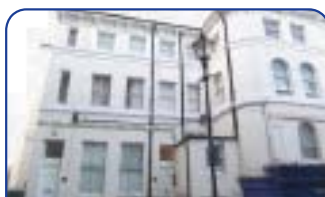
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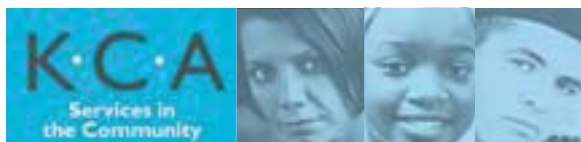
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# Devastating Deal dish out beating to Bengal

## Deal Town 7 Sporting Bengal United 1

DEAL Town produced their best performance of the season to thrash Sporting Bengal 7-1 and move into ninth position in the Kent League in the process.

After a 6-4 defeat in the previous meeting between the sides, Deal were determined not repeat the result. Derek Hares' side started quickly and took the lead inside four minutes through Shane Suter. A cross from Harry Collins forced a mistake from the Sporting goalkeeper, who slipped and Suter was left with an easy finish.

## FOOTBALL

Jamie Marriott quickly made it 3-0 with two goals in the space of four minutes. The first saw him hit Sean Armstrong's defence splitting pass into the net and was followed by his second from a Danny Smith cross.

Deal dominated the game and went into half-time with the score 6-0 after a spectacular brace from Smith and a goal from Dave Bathgate.

Smith's first saw him fire a volley from the edge of the area into the top corner and his

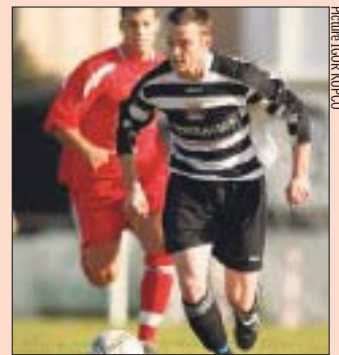
second came from a well-placed free-kick.

The sixth came from another mistake by the Sporting goalkeeper as he dropped a cross, which fell to Bathgate who had the simplest of finishes.

The second-half was a much more even affair and Sporting forced Brad Ashmore to make a couple of saves as they looked to cut the deficit.

With 20 minutes remaining Deal added a seventh as Marriott completed his hat-trick with a well taken free-kick.

Sporting did manage to find the net late on through Nizamul Hoque, but it proved to be only a consolation goal.



Picture: GOR KUPCO

GOAL SPREE: Deal moved up to ninth in league

## RUGBY



YOUNG GUNS: Deal & Betteshanger's senior players are well supported by club's youth teams

## Youth policy reaps rewards for D&B

DEAL & Betteshanger Rugby Club is to receive a national award for its youth and mini section.

The club, based at Drill Field, was awarded the Rugby Football Union's Seal of Approval exceeding standards for its ten junior teams aged from under-six to under-18.

The Lions' director of youth rugby, Kevin McLachlan, said: "In order to be awarded the Seal of Approval, a club must have achieved or exceeded the RFU standards for child welfare, coaching, club facilities, first aid provision, health and safety and day-to-day running of the club.

"We decided to try to work towards earning the Seal of Approval 18 months ago and the fact we have achieved it in that short period of time, when some clubs take three or four years, is testament to the hard work and commitment made by all our club volunteers."

### Success

The club has experienced success at junior level, with the under-18 team recognised as one of the strongest in the county and this season they have already claimed the 'scalps' of Blackheath, Westcombe Park and Bromley.

The under-13 and under-15s have reached the finals of east Kent competitions and now the under-13, under-14 and under-15 teams begin their respective Kent Cup campaigns this Sunday. A fortnight later the Lions will be sending five teams from under-seven through to under-11 to play in the Kent Festival at Tonbridge.

McLachlan said: "Our youngsters' discipline is also first-class. Last year the club took 75 players to a tournament in Luxembourg and there wasn't one spot of trouble. They all behaved impeccably and were a credit to their club.

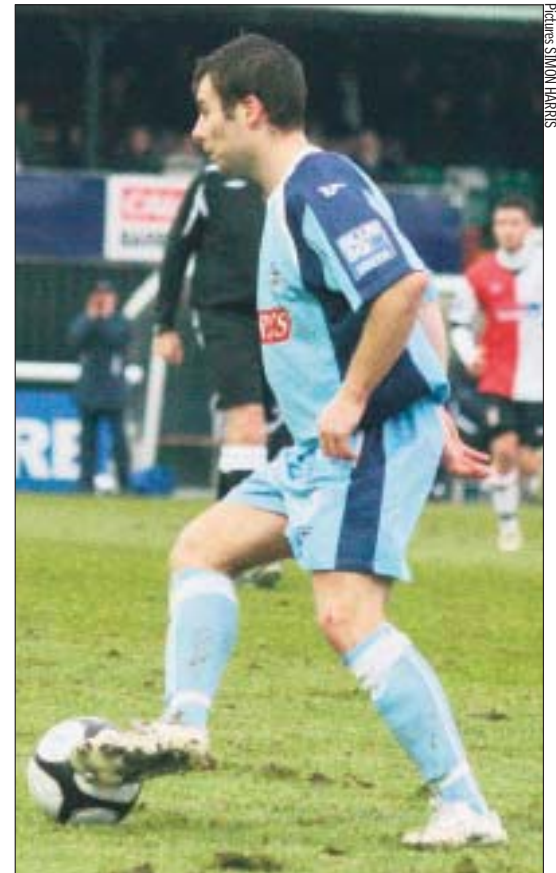
"Because we haven't got the financial resources of some of the bigger clubs nearer London, the youth section represents the future for a club like ours and without it the club would struggle. Getting the Seal of Approval shows how strong our junior section is."

The Lions will be presented the Seal of Approval at the Drill Field clubhouse on Friday, March 19.

For more details about playing junior rugby at Deal & Betteshanger, ring Kevin McLachlan on 07777 642357.



MATCH-FIT: Top-scorer Adam Birchall, left, should be fully fit for Dover Athletic's important clash against play-off rivals Braintree Town on Saturday, as should midfielder Jon Wallis, right



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

# Hare calls on Whites to reignite promotion bid

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic assistant boss Darren Hare is convinced his side will have to perform to the best of their ability to get their play-off bid back on track against Braintree Town.

The Whites have dropped to eighth in Blue Square South following Saturday's postponed game at Bishop's Stortford due to a water-logged pitch but remain only a point adrift of the play-offs.

This Saturday Dover host fourth-placed Braintree Town eager to return to the all-important top five.

The sides met in the league only three weeks ago, which saw Dover claim all three points in

a 2-1 win and ended Braintree's 13-game unbeaten run in the process. With the play-off race heading towards its climax, Saturday's game could go some way to deciding Dover's fate this season.

Dover assistant Hare is urging the Dover players to perform on Saturday in what he feels could be one of the club's most significant games this season.

He said: "It really doesn't get any bigger than playing Braintree, one of our play-off rivals at home. It's going to be a really tough encounter for us. When we played them earlier this season

it was very nip and tuck but on the day we performed better in the second-half and got the three points. I think it is going to be very similar because we have got to perform well to get the three points. It's big because if we win we go above them and possibly into the play-offs - it's as simple as that.

"Obviously we were disappointed and frustrated not to play at Bishop's Stortford at the weekend, but I think we are still in a great position. All the teams around us have caught up on their games in hand and we are only a point adrift. We've still got a really good opportunity to consolidate a position in the play-offs."

Hare fully expects midfielder Jon Wallis, who has been suffering with an ankle injury, and top-scorer Adam Birchall, who tweaked his hamstring in the 1-1 draw against Maidenhead United, to be fit for the game.



# Boss is left frustrated as Town title hopes collapse

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Faversham Town 2

Hickman 14, Sinden 52

### Hythe Town 1

Chandler 29

**HYTE** Town boss Scott Porter was at a loss to explain why his side “froze” at Faversham Town on Saturday, slipping to a defeat which all but ended their Kent League title hopes.

Martin Chandler’s fortuitous equaliser was the high point for the visitors at Salters Lane, with substitute Richard Sinden netting the winner for Faversham early in the second-half. Dave Cook almost snatched a point late on, but his shot struck an upright and bounced clear.

Although Hythe still have five games in hand on Faversham, a dejected Porter admitted the 22-point gap to the leaders left his side’s title hopes out of their hands.

He said: “You never say never but we’re a long way off. We’ve got to look at them now and see if they slip up.

“I’m not a great loser, I hate losing and we’ve



**IN BATTLE:** Hythe goalscorer Martin Chandler, in red, competes for the ball in Saturday’s disappointing defeat

got to pick ourselves up and go again. We’ve got a good enough squad, experienced players and they didn’t come to the table, they froze on the stage where it was the most important game of the season. It’s frustrating because I can’t get my head round it.”

The home side began brightly and they were rewarded with the opening goal in 14 minutes. Hythe, who defended poorly at times, failed to clear their lines sufficiently following

### Hythe Town starting XI



Subs used: Adlington (Marsh 46), Walker (Chandler 60), Driscoll (Ward 68)

a cross and Tom Hickman threaded a well-struck drive low into the corner from 20 yards.

Hythe responded well and found an equaliser just before the half-hour mark. Chandler’s attempted cross drifted goalwards and Faversham goalkeeper Rob French slipped as he caught the ball, which crossed the line.

Faversham were furious not to go in ahead at the break when Lee Shearer’s header appeared to cross the line, but the referee waved away the protests.

The home fans did not have long to wait for a second goal, which arrived seven minutes into the second-half. Dale Skelton’s cross picked out Sinden, who reacted first to tap home after his initial shot was tipped on to the post.

Hythe rarely looked like grabbing an equaliser until Cook’s effort four minutes from time which hit the post.

Hythe were in action at Sevenoaks Town last night, log on to [www.yourshepway.co.uk](http://www.yourshepway.co.uk) for the details. This weekend they host Corinthian.

## RUGBY



**CYCLE SLAM:** Lawrence Dallaglio visited Folkestone Rugby Club on his ride to raise £1 million for charity

## Victory stops rot for faltering Folkestone

### Folkestone 25 Medway 12

**FOLKESTONE** ended their three-game losing streak in London 3 South East with a victory against Medway on Saturday.

The win, only the Stones’ fifth in the league this season, eased them into the relative security of mid-table with seven games remaining.

Folkestone’s first score came after Steve Morgan made a wonderful delayed pass to full-back, Adam Tolman, who dived over. The home support did not have long to wait for the next score. Jack McMurray stole a Medway line-out and the ball found its way to Lee Jeffery to slice through the defensive line under the posts. Chris Petley added the conversion to make it 12-0.

Petley kicked penalties either side of a Richard Lama try to give the Stones a 25-0 lead at half-time.

With nothing to lose Medway committed themselves to attack in the second-half, scoring two tries to fluster the home side, but the gap was too big to bridge.

On Saturday Folkestone entertain Park House.

The win came two days after the club welcomed a World Cup winner last Thursday afternoon as Lawrence Dallaglio cycled through the gates as part of his journey to raise money for Sport Relief.

The ex-Wasps and England captain arrived at the New Burlington Road ground at the head of the Cycle Slam peleton after pedalling for 12 days through the hills of Italy and France, attempting to raise £1 million for Sport Relief and the Dallaglio Foundation.

The 37-year-old said: “It’s been an epic journey – we’ve had every conceivable weather that could have been thrown at us but the enthusiasm and the energy of the group has been fantastic.

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2 Chelmsford City	32	16	7	9	+8	55
3 Bath City	31	14	10	7	+16	52
4 Braintree Town	30	13	12	5	+10	51
5 Thurrock	29	14	8	7	+15	50
6 Staines Town	31	13	11	7	+15	50
7 Eastleigh	31	14	7	10	+13	49
8 Dover Athletic	30	14	7	9	+11	49
9 Bromley	32	13	7	12	+4	46
10 Woking	30	13	7	10	+2	46
11 Welton United	31	12	8	11	+5	44
12 Havant & Wmville	29	11	11	7	+2	44
13 Basingstoke Town	31	12	6	13	-5	42
14 St Albans City	31	12	6	13	-6	42
15 Bishop’s Cleeve	32	10	7	15	-9	37
16 Dorchester Town	32	9	9	14	-13	36
17 Maidhead United	29	8	9	12	-2	33
18 Hampton & Richmond	27	7	8	12	-13	29
19 Worcester City	31	6	8	17	-12	26
20 Lewes	30	4	12	14	-17	24
21 Weston-super-Mare	31	4	7	20	-25	19
22 Weymouth	31	4	6	21	-51	18

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Croydon Athletic	26	16	6	4	+31	54
2 Folkestone Invicta (10)	27	19	5	3	+21	52
3 Worthing	28	16	3	9	+16	51
4 Fleet Town	28	15	4	9	+17	49
5 Walton & Hersham	28	14	6	8	+10	48
6 Godalming Town	25	15	3	7	+15	45
7 Burgess Hill Town	28	11	9	8	+7	42
8 Sittingbourne	25	12	5	8	+16	41
9 Horsham YMCA	30	10	11	9	+7	41
10 Leatherhead	26	11	4	11	+9	37
11 Dulwich Hamlet	28	9	10	9	0	37
12 Ramsgate	28	9	9	10	-2	37
13 Merstham	29	10	7	12	-10	37
14 Chatham Town	29	11	3	15	-12	36
15 Metropolitan Police	26	9	8	9	+10	35
16 Whyteleafe	28	10	5	13	+2	35
17 Corinthian Casuals	28	10	3	15	-11	33
18 Chipstead	29	8	6	15	-13	30
19 Walton Casuals	29	6	6	17	-18	24
20 Whitstable Town	26	7	2	17	-33	23
21 Eastbourne Town	29	4	10	15	-29	22
22 Asford Town	26	4	8	14	-33	20

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	21	17	2	2	+39	53
2 Herne Bay	17	13	1	3	+19	40
3 Hythe Town	16	9	4	3	+26	31
4 Beckenham Town	19	9	4	6	+12	31
5 Erith & Belvedere	20	9	4	7	+2	31
6 Sevenoaks Town	17	8	4	5	+6	28
7 Erith Town	18	8	4	6	+6	28
8 Greenwich Borough	18	7	5	6	+3	26
9 Deal Town	16	7	4	5	+3	25
10 Sporting Bengal Utd	23	7	4	12	-27	25
11 Tunbridge Wells	19	5	7	7	-6	22
12 Holmesdale	18	6	2	10	-3	20
13 Norton Sports	15	5	1	9	-8	16
14 Fisher	20	3	4	13	-25	13
15 Corinthian	20	3	3	14	-26	12
16 Lordswood	18	1	7	10	-21	10

**FIXTURES (Saturday):** Blue Square South: Dover Athletic v Braintree Town; Ryman Division One South: Metropolitan Police v Folkestone Invicta; Kent Senior Trophy semi-final: Faversham Town v Deal Town; Kent League Premier Division: Hythe Town v Corinthian

# Invicta boss says weather is wrecking club’s season

## FOOTBALL

THE number of postponements is beginning to take its toll on Folkestone Invicta’s performances, according to manager Neil Cugley.

The Seaside’s top of the table clash with Croydon Athletic was called off on Saturday due to a waterlogged pitch at the Buzzlins Stadium. It was a blow to the club, who were expecting a big crowd after making the game free entry in memory of Peter Aldridge, a Folkestone-based Rifleman who died in Afghanistan last month.

Last Saturday was the seventh game Invicta have lost to the weather since mid-December and Cugley feels the disjointed schedule has led to indifferent displays in recent weeks.

He said: “It’s frustrating because we’re not getting any sort of run. The last few games we’ve not played as well and I think it’s because we’ve not been playing regular football.”

The side have still found a happy knack of grinding out results, with James Everitt’s late penalty giving them a 2-1 win at Chatham last week.

The Seaside’s visit Met Police this Saturday without Simon Austin, who begins a three-game suspension. Cugley admits the Police have surprised many with their mediocre form this season but warned against taking them lightly.

He said: “Met Police have shocked people by not being near the play-offs. They’ve got



**BAN:** Simon Austin’s suspension begins on Saturday

some good players and have picked up recently but I think it’s too late for them to make the top five. It will be a difficult game for us.”

Invicta visited Dulwich Hamlet last night, log on to [www.yourshepway.co.uk](http://www.yourshepway.co.uk) for the details.

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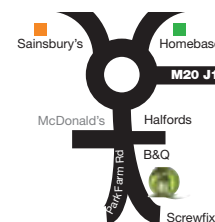


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